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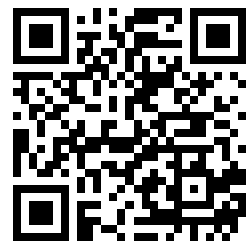

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THE LANDING OF THE 1ST BN. THE LANCASHIRE FUSILIERS AT "W" BEACH, GALLIPOLI, 25TH APRIL, 1915.

General Sir Ian Hamilton, the Commander-in-Chief, referred to the Landing as follows :—

"No finer feat of arms was ever performed by British or any troops than that of the landing of the LANCASHIRE FUSILIERS at 'W' Beach."

The total landing party was 950 strong, and the casualties in the Battalion were :—

Killed or died of wounds	6 Officers, 183 Other Ranks
Wounded	4 Officers, 279 Other Ranks
Missing	61

Honours, Decorations obtained by the Battalion for the Landing :—

Victoria Cross.

Major R. R. Willis
Major R. Bromley
Sergt. Richards
Sergt. Stubbs
Sergt. Grimshaw
Pte. Kenneally

D.S.O.

Major R. Haworth
Major G. E. Tallents

D.C.M.

Sergt. Schofield

M.C.

Lieut. G. G. Needham
Lieut. L. B. L. Seckham

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The Journal of the 1st Bn. The Lancashire Fusiliers.

No. 1. **Dover, April, 1926.** **Vol. I.**

EDITORIAL.

A new star has appeared in the firmament. The *Gallipoli Gazette* flashes forth a greeting to the world in general, and to the 1st Bn. The Lancashire Fusiliers in particular.

Long may this star continue to shine brightly, drawing together all past and present members of the Battalion.

Proudly, yet with becoming modesty we take our place by the side of our comrade, *The Minden Gazette*.

May we march ever onward, shoulder to shoulder. Our first appearance coincides with the arrival of the Battalion at a new station. Fourteen years ago the 2nd Bn. moved from Bhurtpore Barracks, Tidworth, to Dover.

Now we have done the same move, but to Connaught Barracks instead of The Citadel. Three cheers for the little bit of difference !

The Editorial Staff wish to record their thanks for the splendid response of all ranks to their appeal for contributions to the *Gazette*.

It is regretted that all the articles sent in could not be included in this number.

Don't be discouraged ! There are hundreds more numbers to come, and those which were crowded out this time will be none the worse for keeping.

In turning out this paper, the *Gallipoli Gazette*,
The Editor admits that he has had a mighty sweat.
(No, you're wrong, he didn't do it 'cause he heard somebody bet
He'd never do a job of work, and never had done yet !)
So all who send in articles most heartily we bless
For lightening our labour, and for sharing our success ;
And we pray their good example may be followed by a horde
Of others, out to prove the pen is mightier than the sword.
For it's fine to read what others write, but finer still to think
You've helped to make the thing yourself by scattering the ink.
So take up pen and paper—make your mind up to begin,
And let your contributions be for ever rolling in.
Then, oh ! how bright and beautiful ! how absolutely " jammy " ! !
Will be the lot of " Mr. Ed." and his assistant " Sammy."

NOTES.

Our first duty is the happy one of offering our most sincere and hearty congratulations to our Commanding Officer and Mrs. Spooner on the birth of their son. If the day when, following in his father's footsteps, he assumes command of this Battalion may seem to some of us far distant, at any rate it will not be long before we welcome him as an Officer of the XXth.

We are pleased to find that we have old Officers of the Regiment living near us, in Col. J. H. Gideon, who commanded the 1st Bn. until 1908 ; and Lt.-Col. W. F. E. Elmslie, who commanded the 2nd Bn. until 1914. Their interest in the Regiment is still as keen

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as ever, and they manage to attend our various games.

Another old Officer of the Regiment, Major W. Wrench-Ganly, who was Quartermaster of the 2nd Bn. up to the Great War, resides in Dover, and we are pleased to say he has found time to visit us and talk over old times.

Col. C. de Putron has presented to the Officers' Mess a very handsome box to contain the Napoleonic Relics in the possession of the Battalion. It is made of polished oak, with two medallions of Napoleon on front and top, and holds the three books and the medals.

We were very sorry to say *au revoir* to Major R. M. Watson, D.S.O., who is seconded while Brigade-Major of the 3rd Brigade at Bordon. His energy and experience as P.M.C. were of the greatest value to the Mess.

We were also sorry to lose Major F. S. Modera, D.S.O., M.C., who has gone to the Rhine as A.P.M., and Capt. F. R. Logan, O.B.E., M.C., who is now Adjutant of the 7th Bn. Lan. Fus. We wish them all the best of luck in their new surroundings.

We congratulate Lieut. H. M. Dodson on his recovery from his recent severe illness, and are pleased to see him once more with the Battalion.

We are also pleased to announce that 2nd-Lieut. Shadwell has recovered and is on the point of rejoining.

We welcome 2nd-Lieuts. A. G. Ames and G. M. Sandilands on being posted to the Battalion on First Appointment from Sandhurst, and extend our sympathies to 2nd-Lieut. Sandilands on his accident whilst motor cycling, and wish him a speedy recovery.

We were pleased to see Lieut. E. G. Daglish, who paid us a visit in January, when draft conducting from the Depôt, and would wish that others would follow his example of not being in too great a hurry to return to Bury.

Congratulations to Lieut. F. Franks, M.C., on winning the Revolver Cup, 1925 ; and to all ranks of the Battalion on the excellent results of last year's shooting.

May they do even better this year.

We welcome Lieut. L. G. Beach, R.E., who is permanently attached to the Bn. ; and 2nd-Lieut. S. R. Garratt, 92nd (London) Field Brigade R.A., who is attached to us for three months.

We are pleased to see Sgt.-Major-Instructor R. Grainger, D.C.M., the old C.S.M. of " B " Co., who is now at the Duke of York's R.M. School.

Congratulations to Fus. J. Taylor, " D " Co., on being presented with the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

Congratulations

To Major and Mrs. G. E. Tallents on the birth of a daughter.

To Capt. and Mrs. J. K. C. Cross on the birth of a son.

To Lieut. and Mrs. F. Franks on the birth of a son.

To C.S.M. and Mrs. Harrington on the birth of a son.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Gambie on the birth of a son.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Critchley on the birth of a son.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Dunne on the birth of twin sons.

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To Sgt. and Mrs. Grimme on the birth of a daughter.
To Sgt. and Mrs. Campbell on the birth of a daughter.
To S/Sergt. and Mrs. Stally on the birth of a daughter.
To Fus. and Mrs. Haine on the birth of a daughter.
To Fus. and Mrs. Pearce on the birth of a daughter.

The attention of our readers is drawn to the many excellent advertisements appearing in the *Gallipoli Gazette*. The advertisers are not philanthropists, any more than we are, and they expect the custom of our readers.

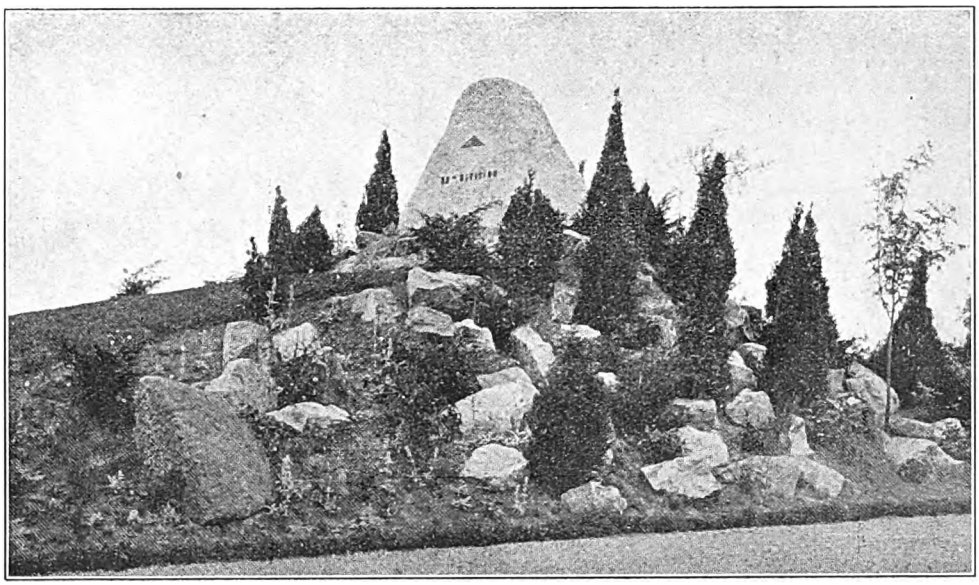
It is up to all members of the Battalion to trade with them in preference to those who do not advertise in our *Gazette*.

All old friends of Lt.-Colonel G. B. G. Wood, D.S.O. will be pleased to hear that his son has passed the last entrance examination into Woolwich, occupying 32nd place on the list of successful candidates.

29th DIVISION.

Unveiling of the Memorial.

At Beaumont Hamel, on Sunday, 7th June, 1925, Lt.-Gen. Sir Beauvoir De Lisle, K.C.B., in the presence of a very distinguished gathering, including Field Marshal Earl Haig, KT., G.C.B., O.M., General Sir A. Hunter-Weston, K.C.B., D.S.O., General Caley, C.M.G., D.S.O., the Hon. J. R. Benneet, M.H.A., the Newfoundland Colonial Secretary, and Marshal Fayolle of the French Army, unveiled the Memorial to the 29th Division. The Memorial forms the central feature of the entrance to the Newfoundland Memorial Park, and is erected on the site of the first battle of the 29th Division in France. In his address, General De Lisle named several units with pride, mentioning specially the 1st Bn. Lan. Fus. and 1st Royal Dublin Fusiliers. A company of French Infantry, with their regimental band and bugles, formed the French Guard of Honour. The British Guard of Honour being composed of Officers, Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and men of the units who belonged to the 29th Division. Our Battalion was represented by Capt. F. R. Logan, O.B.E.,



29TH DIVISION MEMORIAL, BEAUMONT HAMEL.

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M.C., C.S.M. Miner, M.M., C.Q.M.S. Filkins and Fus. Schofield, D.C.M. The following Officers, W.O.'s, N.C.O.'s and men, still serving in the Bn., or at the Depôt, served with the 29th Division during the war :—

At the Landing.—Major G. E. Tallents, D.S.O., Capt. F. W. Cox, M.C., Lieut. H. Latham, M.C., C.S.M. A. E. Miner, M.M., C.Q.M.S. J. Filkins, C.Q.M.S. C. Johnson, M.M., Sgt. W. Gardner, Sgt. H. Wall, Sgt. T. Kelly, Sgt. J. Gambie, Sgt. W. Campbell, Lce.-Cpl. Wakelin, Fus. Schofield, D.C.M., Fus. Jones, Fus. Ward.

Joined the Bn. on the Peninsula after the Landing.—Capt. J. K. C. Cross, O.R.Q.M.S. Tanner, Lce.-Sgt. Sandham.

Joined the Bn. in France.—Major T. Slingsby, M.C., Major F. S. Modera, D.S.O., M.C., Capt. S. H. Winterbottom, M.C.

TIDWORTH TO DOVER.

January, 1926.

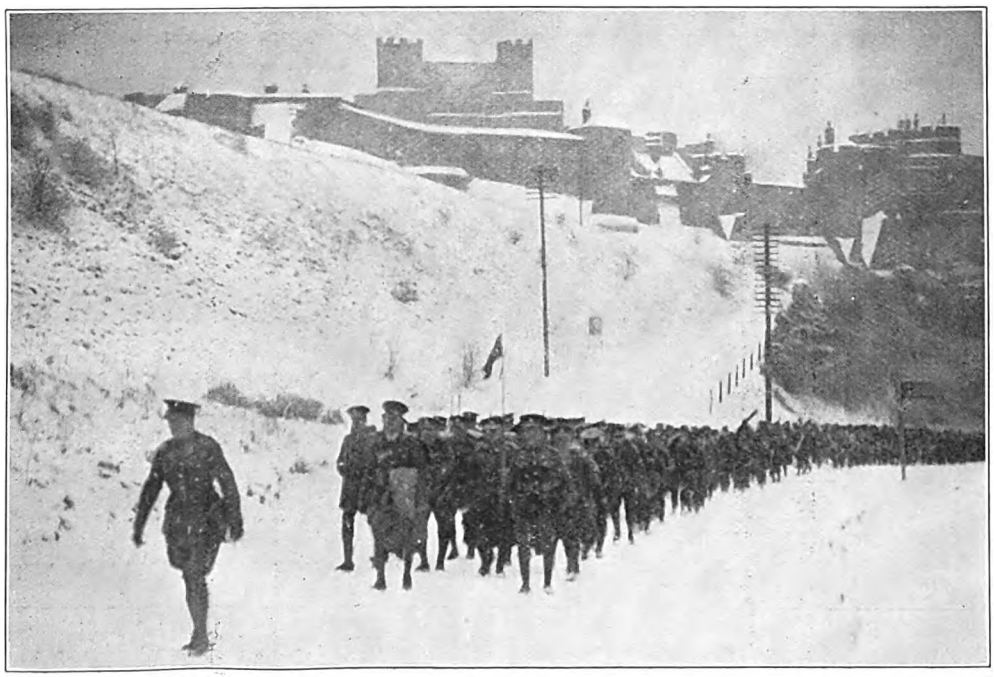
The Bn. left Tidworth for Dover on change of station on the 14th January, 1926, thus following in the footsteps of 2nd Bn. in 1912.

We can look back on three very happy and successful years on the Plain, and are quickly settling down in our new surroundings.

The departure of the Bn. from Tidworth was the occasion of a remarkable display of that spirit of co-operation and friendliness which does so much for mutual liking and respect between regiments and arms in the Service.

The Divisional Commander, Major-Gen. Sir W. G. C. Heneker, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., D.S.O., said farewell to the Bn. on parade on the 10th January.

" You have a fine Colonel," he said, " good



Photo] [*Whorwell & Son, Bench Street, Dover.*

The Arrival at Dover, 14th January, 1926.

Climbing Castle Hill in the Snow.

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officers, and I am sure you will do well wherever you find yourselves."

Our neighbours, the 14/20th Hussars and 2nd Bn. The Welch Regt., vied with each other in their efforts to make our move a comfortable one.

For the last three days of our stay, both Officers and Sergeants enjoyed the hospitality of their Messes, and on the last morning all married families, irrespective of rank, were entertained in the Sergeants' Mess of the 14/20th Hussars.

Our departure, early on a freezing cold morning, did not go unnoticed.

The first party, consisting of H.Q. Wing and "A" Co., under Lt.-Col. Luker, was played to the station by the Band and Drums of the 2nd Loyal Regt.; while the second party, under the Comdg. Officer, was cheered by the music of no less than three regiments. The Band of the 14/20th Hussars, Band and Drums of the Welch Regt., headed by their well-known white goat, and the Drums of the Wiltshire Regt. being in attendance.

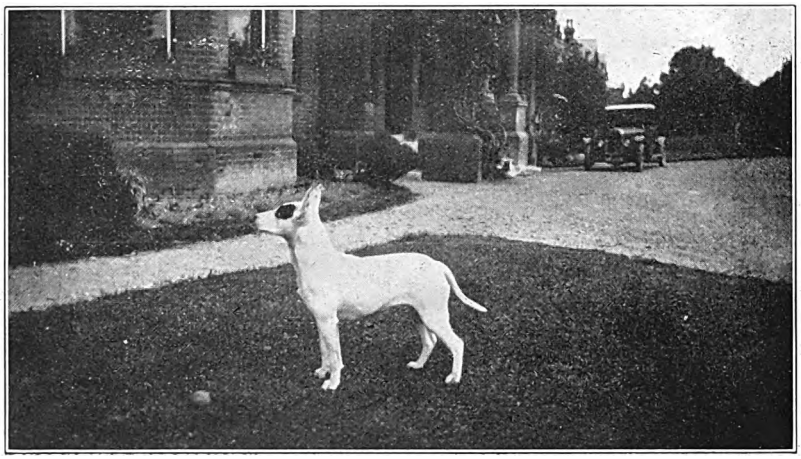
Col.-Cmdt. G. H. N. Jackson and Mrs. Jackson, Col.-Cmdt. B. D. Fisher, Major Acland, the Bde.-Major, and Officers of all regiments, were at the station to say good-bye; while the Band of the Welch Regt. played "Auld Lang Syne."

The warmth of their farewells did much to counteract the Southern Railway's little joke of dispatching us into a blizzard in unwarmed carriages, but no one was sorry to be decanted into the snow at Dover and to see a nice warming hill climb in front of us.

Arrived on the Eastern Heights, we again experienced the universal hospitality of the Service, represented in this case by the 1st Bn. The K.O.Y.L.I., our old comrades of Minden, Corunna, and many other hard-fought battles.

KENNEL NOTES.

Recruiting is going forward, and we now have quite a strong pack. Fifteen amongst the Officers, several more in the married quarters, and a few in Barracks. "Nell," the Signallers' dog, is still going strong, having just given birth to five puppies, and by the time these notes are read another family of puppies should have reported for duty. Dover does not provide quite such opportunities for sport as were enjoyed at Tidworth, hares and rabbits being scarce in the vicinity of Barracks. However, cats are plentiful and active, and are rapidly getting into training.



"The Pup."

An unexpected thrill was provided one afternoon by the discovery of a fine fox impudently lying up within about 100 yds,

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of the Officers' Mess. He left in a hurry and has not been seen since.

We are pleased to report that "George," the Colonel's handsome Cocker-Spaniel, has returned to the fold. We congratulate the post-corporal on his detective instincts.

HUNTING NOTES.

The Battalion is fortunate in coming to another station where hunting with both fox hounds and harriers is again obtainable. The East Kent Fox Hounds and the West Street Harriers each provide at least two meets a week within hacking distance of Barracks, and a very hearty welcome has been extended by each of these two packs to those members of the Regiment who have been able to get out. This neighbourhood has been fortunately free from foot-and-mouth disease, so that nothing should interfere with the continuation of the present good sport to the end of the season.

It is hoped that our entries in the Point-to-Points, even if few in number, may yet put up as good a show as those from the other units in the station.

WEAPON TRAINING.

Well, lads, here we are at Dover and the commencement of another Weapon Training Season. It is up to you all to make it a successful one. Last year we did exceptionally well by lifting the Command Individual and Collective Cups. Why not try to get some of those A.R.A. souvenirs into the Regiment this year? I know the Weapon Training Officer is in want of a new shaving pot. "D" Company already have one. We managed to get placed first with the rifle, second with the Lewis gun, but owing to hard luck were not quite as high up in the Command as we might have been. The Machine Gunners had to fire in very inclement weather and early in the year, and this accounted for them dropping a few points. However, Tommy can be relied on to see us through this year, so you other boys get cracking with the Lewis Gun and rifle. Our average last year showed 50 per cent. marksmen—a good record, which wants some beating. You are up against a good shooting regiment in the K.O.Y.L.I., but show them that Lancashire (and London) is as good as Yorkshire. The range here is not quite as good as at Tidworth. I hear the bullets drop into the sea (rather hard luck on the fishes !). The approach is not quite so picturesque; no High Street to go through. Don't forget the wind: it gets very breezy here in the summer, both in and out of barracks.

Talking of "aiming off," we were going to introduce a new table if we had remained at Tidworth—"Aiming off for rain."

As regards the revolver, judging by the number of rounds already fired, we should do exceptionally well this year. I heard, on good authority, that a certain C.Q.M.S. actually hit something the other day. I heard afterwards, that it was the wall of the moat. What about barrack damages? The Connaught Cup is a collective affair this year; the average being struck from the Battalion, so it is up to all to do their bit.

Well, boys, don't forget. Take the strain, altogether, heave, and go all out for a set of cross-guns and a Lewis Gun badge.

"MUSKETS."

Amendments to Small Arms Training.

Vol. I. Ch. ii. Sec. 43, page 97.

Line 27.—After "rifle" add "Except the Brigade of Guards and The Lancashire Fusiliers."

Vol. I. Ch. 1. Sec. 25, page 43.

Line 18.—After "objects" add "*i.e.*, Sergeant in walking out order. (The one I saw was not 20° from the other.)"

Vol. II. Ch. 1. Sec. 5, page 13.

Line 6.—After "range" add "unless you can get away with it."

Line 8.—After "thereby" add "These should not be carried up to the range from barracks."

"MUSKETS."

Competitions.

The following are the results obtained by the Battalion in Individual and Collective

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competitions in the A.R.A. and Southern Command meetings :—

1. A.R.A. Central Meeting, Bisley.

(*a*) The Battalion team won 2nd in the Small Arms Cup, the conditions of which embody the use of the Rifle and Light Automatic, and approximate as near as possible to Active Service conditions.

(*b*) Lieut. F. Franks, M.C., and Sgt. Challoner were 7th in the Worcestershire Cup.

(*c*) Eight Officers qualified to fire for the Army Revolver Cup.

2. A.R.A. Non-Central Matches.

MATCH.	ORDER OF MERIT.	REMARKS.
(a) The Queen Victoria Trophy	6th	Prize of £3.
(b) The King George Cup ..	2nd	A.R.A. Large Bronze Medal, 8 A.R.A. Small Bronze Medals, and £5.
(c) The Royal Irish Cup ..	5th	Prize of £2.
(d) The Young Soldiers' Cup	9th	Prize of £2.
(e) The Hopton Cup	37th	Prize of £2.
(f) The Machine Gun Cup ..	21st	Prize of £2.
(g) The Duke of Connaught Cup	9th	Prize of £2.
(h) The Revolver Cup ..	1st	Revolver Cup, A.R.A.
	3rd, 4th, 5th, 9th, 10th and 11th	Medium Silver Medal and £2, A.R.A. Small Bronze Medal and 10s., 5 Prizes of 10s. each.

3. Southern Command Meeting.

MATCH.	ORDER OF MERIT.	REMARKS.
(a) Match 6	2nd	Prize of £2.
(b) Match 7	1st	Prize of £4.
(c) Match 10	2nd	Prize of £2
(d) Match 14	2nd	Prize of £3 5s.
(e) Grand Aggregate — Individual Matches	1st	Silver Cup to the Battalion.
(f) Grand Aggregate—Collective Matches	1st	Silver Cup to the Battalion.
(g) Best Battalion in the 7th Infantry Brigade ..	1st	Drummond Cup.
(h) Individual Matches ..		First prizes, 5 Second prizes, 8 Third prizes, 5 Other prizes, 52

Annual Courses.

The standard of shooting in the Battalion again shows an all-round improvement and reflects most creditably on all ranks concerned.

Space will not permit of a detailed account being given, but the following brief summary represents in proper perspective the standard of efficiency obtained by the Battalion in the 1925 Weapon Training Year.

The following table shows in order of merit the averages obtained by companies in the Annual Range Courses :—

ORDER OF MERIT.	COMPANY.	RIFLE.	LIGHT AUTOMATIC.	TOTAL.	REMARKS.
1	"A"	129.38	194	323.38	Judged best shooting Company.
2	H.Q.	132.98	189.25	322.23	
3	"D"	136.49	176.32	312.81	
4	"B"	122.9	182.4	305.3	
5	"C"	124.3	157.2	281.5	

The averages obtained by the Battalion, and the order of merit in the 3rd Division, are as follows :—

Battalion Averages.

Rifle ..	130	*i.e.* 10 points over First Class Shot average.
Light Automatic ..	177.2	*i.e.* 7.2 points over First Class Shot average.
Total ..	307.2	

Revolver	119
Machine Gun	271.76
Battalion Shot W.O.'s and Sgts.	
C.S.M. H. Harrington, "C" Co. ..	373
Battalion Shot Cpls. and Fusrs.	
Fus. C. Vizard, "B" Co.	387
Company Shots.	
"A" Co.—Lce.-Cpl. Milward ..	374
"B" Co.—Fus. C. Vizard	387
"C" Co.—C.S.M. H. Harrington ..	373
"D" Co.—Cpl. A. Crossley ..	361

Order of Merit obtained by the Bn. in the 3rd Division.

Rifle, 1st
Light Automatic, 3rd
Vickers Gun, 8th
} Combined Order of Merit, 2nd.

To have obtained 2nd place out of 12 Battalions is no mean feat.

The following are extracts from the 1925 W/T report of Col.-Comdt. G. H. N. Jackson, C.M.G., D.S.O., Cmdg. 7th Inf. Bde. :—

1. Independent efficiency of men is very good.

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2. The proficiency of Officers and N.C.O.'s and their instructional capacity is excellent.

3. The ability of Officers to give Weapon Training its full tactical significance is also very good.

"The Lancashire Fusiliers are an excellent Unit and take the utmost interest in Weapon Training."

Major-Gen. Sir W. G. Heneker, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., D.S.O., Cmdg. 3rd Div., added the following short but highly complimentary remarks :—

"Very satisfactory." "The 1st Bn. The Lancashire Fusiliers always does well."

THE WANDERINGS OF THE CHILDREN OF LANFUS.

Here beginneth a short Epistle from the Wanderings of the Children of the Lanfus.

1. And it came to pass, that after a sojourn of many moons in the fair Land of Tidworth, the Children of the Lanfus should take unto them their belongings and journey forth to a strange land many versts away.

2. For had it not been written of them that after three years they should be cast—perhaps even kicked—out to join their ancestors resident in the far-off Dovah, which being interpreted meaneth the Land of Rain.

3. And in preparing there was much knocking and banging and packing of garments, goods and chattels, and for days the "Camels" did "hump" packing cases hither and thither, for verily they knew not where to put them.

4. And it came to pass that one among them, who was called Magwiah—being the son of the Loud-Speaker of that name—who was exceedingly strong and lusty, did cry out from among them, "Come ! Come ! ! get a 'blinking' move on." And yea, it was so !

5. And before departing for the far-off Land, many were stricken with a disease called squashed-Fingah, for tools had been used in plenty.

6. And when the day of departure arrived there was much weeping among the people (*sic*), and a great number did come to see them go. There were those who had Red here, and Red there, yea and Red all over, for were they not the Brass-Toppahs. Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

7. And ere the sun went down they did arrive in the strange Land of Dovah, and although the spirits of the Children of the Lanfus were exceedingly joyful they did not cry out in their joy, for had they not heard that such frivolity would be suppressed by jankahs.

8. And they did journey forth in the snow, it being exceedingly cold, to the top of the Mount ; heads bowed and knees leading ; a goodly body of men and fair to look upon. Many were cold and few were frozen.

9. And they did pass among the strange inhabitants, and many were the smiles bestowed upon them (*clic*), and Leut.-Kol. Spoonah at the head of his Children did lead them into their new dwellings where there was much checking of nuts, bolts and bars ; for had they not had some befoah ?

10. And after many days their dwellings —or that part of them that had been hidden —did present a fair appearance. Had not even Harpmastah been down on his hunkahs removing the pollution ?

11. And here, at the end of this epistle, let it be known that there are many regrets (*bit thick*) at leaving Tidworth ; which being interpreted meaneth the Land of Work (*pick*).

Here endeth the umpteenth travel of the Children of the Lanfus.

OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION.

The annual Reunion Dinner of the Southern Section of the Old Comrades' Association will be held at the Leicester Corner, Leicester Square, London, at 7.30 p.m. on Saturday, 24th April, 1926. Tickets, price 4s., may be obtained from Mr. A. T. White, 78, Lysia Street, Fulham, London, S.W. 6.

At 11 a.m. on Gallipoli Day, Sunday, 25th April, 1926, there will be a parade of past and present members of the Regiment on the Horse Guards Parade, London, to take part in a parade of representatives of units which served in the 29th Division. The parade will march to the Cenotaph and lay wreaths

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there. Medals and decorations should be worn. It is hoped that as many as possible will parade, whether they served in the 29th Division or not.

DANCE NOTES.

Gallipoli Ball, 1925, Tidworth.

The W.O.'s, S/Sergeants and Sergeants of the Battalion gave a magnificent Ball on 25th April. Invitations were sent to every old Officer and old comrade we could get in touch with. Unfortunately, owing to pressure of business and distance from Tidworth, many were unable to attend.

Invitations were also sent to all Officers and Sergeants' Messes in the Garrison, to all departmental corps and to civilians.

In addition to the Officers and ladies of the Bn., the following distinguished guests were present :—Col. Bishop, D.S.O., who commanded the Bn. at the Landing ; Col.-Cmdt. G. H. N. Jackson, C.M.G., D.S.O. (Commanding 7th Inf. Bde.), and Mrs. Jackson ; Major A. N. Acland, D.S.O., M.C. (Bde.-Maj. 7th Inf. Bde.), and Mrs. Acland ; Major Robinson, D.S.O., Australian Staff Corps ; Rev. Colonel Smethwick, S.C.F., Tidworth ; Rev. Lt.-Col. O'Reilly, R.C. Chaplain.

The following old comrades of the Regt. attended :—Mr. A. Richards, V.C., Mr. M. Whitworth, Mr. G. A. Austen, Capt. J. Bishop, Mr. W. Brockman.

There were over 700 persons present, including 130 officers, and of these 500 sat down to supper. The unanimous opinion of all present was that the Ball was one of the best organised and managed functions they had ever attended, and reflected great credit on the Sergeants of the Battalion.

The Corporals of the Battalion held their Gallipoli Ball on the 26th, and it was a great success. All the Garrison seemed to be present, and everyone voted it a great success.

Dover, 1926.

The weekly Dances for N.C.O.'s and men commenced on Thursday, 18th February. Owing to the bad weather, only about twelve ladies attended, but from what I can gather our Dances in future will be attended by all the eligible ladies of Dover and district.

So long as they remember the words of that old song, " There's always room for a girl," all will be well, and our Dances will become as popular as they were in Dublin.

SERGEANTS' MESS LETTER.

That the *Gallipoli Gazette* will be a success, and appreciated by all ranks of the Regiment, is the sincerest wish of all members of the Sergeants' Mess.

After three happy years at Tidworth, where the Regiment was immensely popular and upheld the traditions of the XXth Foot, we have joined the Dover Garrison, where our 2nd Bn. was stationed from October, 1912, to August, 1914.

We have come across a few old trades people who speak of the " happy times " they had with the 2nd Bn. Sergeants' Mess members. Names very frequently mentioned are R.S.M. R. V. Couchman, D.C.M., R.S.M. (late Lieut.) Walter Dunn, R.Q.M.S. (now Capt.) W. Appleby, Col.-Sgt. J. McCready (now resident in London), Col.-Sgt. R. J. C. Maxwell, Sgt.-Mr.-Tailor E. Hamer, Bd.-Sgt. Perry, Sgt.-Dmr. R. Granger (now C.S.M. Instr., D.Y.R.M. School). We trust that when Gallipoli Day and Minden Day come along nearly all the above-named gentlemen will be able to come to Dover and renew a friendship with Dover friends of twelve years ago.

Our Whist Drives and Dances were the most popular of any at Tidworth, and we hope to obtain the same popularity at Dover. The first one was held on Friday, the 26th of February, and was a great success. Our members allowed their guests to run away with all the prizes except the " Boobie," which was won by C.S.M. Harrington—" Brave player " ?

The W.O.'s and Sergeants of the 14/20th Hussars entertained us to a farewell Smoker on the 12th of January, and allowed us to use their Mess for three days while our own property was being packed for Dover. All Ranks went out of their way to make our move a comfortable one, and all members of our Mess hope that if any of them are in

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Dover or district they will remember that there is a " welcome awaiting " them in the Sergeants' Mess of the XXth Foot.

Of all our Mess members now serving in the Battalion only one was a member of the Mess in 1914, and that was the " Wee " Bandmaster, Mr. E. Miles, being a member of the " Noble Order of the Musical Baton." We hope to see the present members " saftly " returned to civilian life. For a wee fellow, and getting on in years, he can hold his own in the " Old Soldiers' Race "—of course, when you join in '91 you receive a very creditable start from the very kind handicappers on Gallipoli Day.

Any member of our Mess visiting the Duke of York's Royal Military School is requested to be very careful in reading the various plates, etc., in the Assembly Hall. Amongst these plates is one bearing the heading, " The *Ten Commandants.*" One of our old members mistook this for the *Ten Commandments.* Of course, the time of this mistake was about 11.90 Q.M.

We learn that the Rochdale air has proved a beneficial factor for cultivating R.S.M.'s for the appointment of " Public House Owners." Two of these warriors have succeeded in obtaining their Landlord Pass Port. The late R.S.M., being one of Pharoh's lean kind, has five years to build up a large frame and outdo his predecessors.

C.S.M. Baines and C.Q.M.S. Channer have joined us from the 2nd Bn. since our arrival at Dover. We hope they will soon be settled and be as happy with us as they were in the 2nd Bn. We wish C.S.M. Jacko French, C.Q.M.S. E. A. Maidment and Sgt. Dover every happiness with the 2nd Bn., where they renewed friendship with many old friends.

Grand International Trial Match.

A challenge for a great soccer match from the single section of the Mess was taken up by the married section. The match was played on the Special 1st Class Ground of the Regiment.

Capt. Johnny Laverick led his noble team on to the field for final massage and mineral treatment from the Armourer Staff-Sgt. J. Stalley. Capt. Ted Smith led his Spinster Section on, trained on crisps and well rubbed with Cusack machine gun oil.

The Married skipper, winning the toss, took full advantage of the sun and wind.

The game opened with Higgs, of the Spinster Section, pushing the ball well forward. Young Johnny, our skipper, with the schemes of a " wedlock," set his brilliant right wing, Steve Donoghue and Jolly of Aston Villa fame, going. Steve, however, was at fault with his centre, and enabled Ted Smith (not of Bolton Wanderers) to clear with the judgment of a " Charlie Roberts." Play continued from end to end for some considerable time. Eventually the youngsters opened the score through " Old Fatty White " failing to bend sufficiently to intercept the flight of the ball. The old crocks now put renewed energy into their work and levelled up the score with a magnificent shot (that only Taylor or Pym *might* have saved) from one of the right-wing. After a most strenuous 70 minutes the old crocks succeeded in defeating the young bloods by 4 goals to 3 goals.

Specially recommended for English Trial Games :—

Young Fairy White—as a goalkeeper he is a Hardy and Taylor all inside out.

Grime—a full back, equal to Clay, and Clay only.

McGuire—very tricky with the left, and hot stuff with use of abdomen in front of goal, likely successor to McCracken.

Stally, of the mineral jelly fame, Johnny Wedlock, our skipper, and Massah Johnson proved a Stonewall Jackson trio, all eligible for England at any old time. Steve and Jolly, on the right-wing, Mornington Cannon, " Little " Critchley and Ginger Harrington were forwards of the old Corinthian type—in fact, real bustlers.

Of the Spinster Section, under Skipper Smith, only a few could possibly be thought as having any knowledge of the soccer code.

The skipper, being a stalwart Rugbian of the North, had to be severely censored for his " tackles " below the belt. " Don't let it occur again, Maryport."

Higgs, of Marlow, the backer and secretary, never really recovered, and through shock was never able to collect the Singles again before he retired to civil life.

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Day and Night, Ramsden Starlight, Bus Harvey and Collin Bros will need more Glaxo and Cusack lotion before we can possibly recommend them for a Trial.

CORPORALS' MESS LETTER.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

All members of the Mess wish you every success in your new venture, *The Gallipoli Gazette*. We are now settled down in our new Mess, and feel that we shall be very happy during our stay in Dover. The other night I entered the Mess and found that an impromptu sing-song was in full swing. Jimmy O'Neale obliged with " If you were the only girl in the world," followed by Morris with " I'll sing thee songs of Araby." Jock then obliged with that old soldier's song, " Red wine, White wine, comrades let's be drinking." The comrades obliged *toute-de-suite* with Simond's ale, Joey, Jock and the Finger Flapper being in great form. At Tidworth the favourite song was " Oh ! we haven't seen a girl for eighteen months " ; but at Dover, judging by the impassioned cries of " My own Boosilier," etc., one hears on the way down to town, I should say that the feminine aspect has brightened somewhat. All the boys are shy about this first letter, Jock in particular being afraid to write anything in case he is prosecuted for defamation of character.

We welcome back to the fold Cpl. Campbell, who has returned after a tour of duty at the Depôt, and the Gunner, Toohey, Bailey and Hartley on joining us. Heartiest congrats. to Sgt. Grimshaw on his promotion. My apologies, Mr. Editor, for the delay in forwarding these notes.

" BREVET."

SIGNALS' LETTER.

The Signal Section is in the throes of " pre- " and " post- " classification training. A new class of twelve was started on 1st December, and steady progress is being made with them. The classification takes place on 17th and 18th May, when our flagwaggers at duty will be dug out for their yearly " Vic Eddie " tests.

We were sorry to lose Sgt. L. J. Higgs, who has forsaken his knee creases for the more voluminous Oxford bags of civilian life. All ranks join in wishing our late Instructor success in every undertaking, and our good wishes follow him right through civvie life.

Congratulations to Lce.-Cpls. Bailey, Howarth and Toohey on their promotions.

The old saying, " Once a Signaller, always a Signaller," still holds good, and every Signaller on the section knows by now the songs entitled " The Short Line Traffic Scheme," by Lafu, and " The Central Station Scheme," by B. Fort-Burgoyne.

Humph left us last month for duty with " A " Co. We were sorry to lose him, as he was a good wagger and athlete.

Lieut. Gordon felt that after 180 years of signalling he really ought to get back to duty and learn a little about soldiering—not as it was in the Khyber in '79, but present-day soldiering.

All ranks congratulate Sgt. Grimshaw on his promotion to Chief A.I., and hope that he will pull us through 1926 classification with as good a percentage as last year.

The artistic efforts of the Sir William Orpen of the section (one Fusilier Haine) have helped to make our barrack room a home from home.

We are offering a reward for anyone who can provide us with two white lines which can be rolled up and stowed away for special occasions.

Nellie, our Irish Terrier, who was taken on the strength in Dublin, has not only presented but forcibly thrust upon us a litter of five pups. Mother and children doing well. (Dublin papers please copy.)

Our best wishes to Fus. Taylor (Taffy) on reaching his pontoon—age, not service. May he live to be old and grey, and become a centenarian !

Congrats. to Fus. Haine on a recent happy event which happened in the " Smoke," giving him the distinction of being the only father on the Section.

Before closing we should like to add a few words of encouragement to our new Regimental *Gazette*. I am certain everyone will join me in wishing this new and welcome enterprise every support and abounding success.

" KNOCK-OUT."

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The Legend of the D. III. and Fullerphone.

In the good old days when D. III.'s buzzed,
The current alternated ;
And Fritz heard all the news that came—
He simply sat and waited.

Then Captain Fuller came along
To put this fault correct.
Said he, " This current talks too much :
We'll make it go direct."

And old D. III., he danced in glee
Until he had a fever.
" You'll never get a buzz," said he,
" That way in the receiver."

So Captain Fuller bit his lip,
And then again he spake :
" We'll interrupt the current
With a rapid make and break."

" Ha, ha ! " laughed old D. III. again.
" Ha, ha ! " sneered he, " that's fine !
You've merely got a current then
That's very much like mine."

Then Captain Fuller turned on him
And shouted, " Get you hence, Sir !
I'll soon upset your little joke
By fetching a condenser.

" He'll watch the current all the time,
As keen as a retriever,
And keep it in the line direct
And broken in receiver."

But then cried old D. III. :
" I think you've bought a pup.
The lines of force are still quite strong :
The Boche will pick it up."

But Fuller, laughing, said to him :
" I'm glad now that you spoke,
Reminding me that all I need
Is just a simple choke.

" Then, gentle as a maiden's breast,
The lines of force will rise,
For everything the choke can catch
He sternly modifies.

" And just to keep him at his job
Another choke there'll be
To stop all poaching currents
From a jealous old D. III."

And thus the Fullerphone was made.
It greatly hurt the Kaiser,
Because it buzzed away all day
And he was none the wiser.

" FLAGS."

M.G. LETTER.

The Gunners, despite the strenuous training and the concentration at N'Avon, found time to take part in the various sports and competitions organised by the Battalion.

During 1925, No. 2 Group H.Q. Co., composed of the Signallers and Machine Gunners, won the Regimental Rugby Cup ; and the same combine, for the second year in succession, succeeded in winning the Inter-Company Cross-Country run ; in addition, the cricket competition also was won by the same group.

These successes had notched a few points for us in the struggle for the Lawrence Cup, and our prospects were rosy.

Unfortunately, however, owing to the Machine Gun concentration at Netheravon, the Machine Gunners were unable to send any representatives to take part in the Gallipoli Sports, and we thus lost a splendid opportunity of taking the Cup out of " D " Co.'s possession.

Whilst at Netheravon we were not idle, but devoted all our energies to winning the football knock-out competition, organised by the Machine Gun School Staff.

This competition was open to the Machine Gun Troops of the 2nd Cavalry Brigade, and the Machine Gun platoons of the 7th Infantry Brigade.

We met the Loyals in the first round, and after a hotly-contested game we succeeded in playing a draw, 2—2.

In the replay, after making a slight alteration in our team we succeeded in getting the verdict by 4 goals to 2.

In the second round we met and easily defeated the Welch Regt. by 7 goals to nil !

In the semi-final we drew a bye, leaving us to meet the 12th Royal Lancers in the final.

The Cavalry team was a very strong one, and we anticipated a gruelling match. We weren't disappointed ! However, after a brilliant and very sportsman-like match we defeated the horse-men by 3 goals to 1.

The medals were distributed after the

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final, by the Commandant of the Machine Gun School, Col. Jackson, who in the course of a short speech said that considering the small units represented, and the few men from which to select teams, he was more than surprised to see the excellent quality of the games.

He also paid a tribute to the stamina and endurance of the various teams taking part in the competitions, who after training vigourously all through the day could turn out and fight such gruelling games as he had witnessed. This, he said, was the type of men we wanted in the Machine Gun platoons.

The Machine Gunners were well represented in the Regimental Bayonet Fighting team, who won the Southern Command Championship. We had six men in this team, and one, Fus. Gibbon, succeeded in winning the Command Individual Championship, defeating the Army champion.

During the winter we arranged various matches with several civilian clubs around the district—civilian friends whom we had met during the " Company marches."

These occasions were made the opportunity of char-a-banc outings, all the " gunners " without exception accompanying the selected team. These outings were much appreciated and enjoyed, and we held up the prestige of the platoon by bringing back the couple of points on each occasion.

In conclusion, although since 1925 the H.Q. Co. has been reorganised for sport, and the Gunners now run in with No. 3 Group, we mean to try and take a few points off some of the other teams and . . . the start at least has been very promising.

RUBAIYAT OF OMAR KHUSARK.

Foreword.

The following poem (?) came into the Editor's possession in a rather curious way.

Having occasion to pass by the B.P. Company's refinery in North Wales, he observed several pieces of paper flying about. Securing them, he was surprised to see them covered with strange characters. With the help of a Woolworth's Dictionary, and the assistance of the local librarian, he at length arrived at the following *free* translation below.

He begs leave to present them for perusal to the many students of Persian lore, whom he feels sure exist in strong numbers among the Battalion, he having observed the many catalogues, etc., in the hands of various members of the Battalion dealing with petrol and other spirits—Persian, Scotch, etc.

I.

Awake ! for the Bugler in the morning light
Has sounded the note that puts the snores to flight :
And lo ! the Gunner of the Batt. has caught
The Vicker's Gun in his arms of might.

II.

Dreaming, when Dawn's left hand was in the sky,
I heard a voice without the Barracks cry :
" Awake, my little ones, and fill the gun
Before the water in its tap runs dry."

III.

And, as the cock crew, those who stood before
The storeroom shouted : " Open then the door.
You know how little now is our pay,
And with the guns tuned up may make it more."

IV.

Come, fit the cup and the fusee spring ;
The spare-parts case around your shoulders fling.
The Bird of time has but a little way
To fly—— And lo ! the bird is on the wing.

V.

But come with old Khusark, and leave the lot
Of tea and wads, and " swipes " forgot,
Let Lewis-Gunners lay about them as they will,
Or the Coffee Bar cry " Supper "—heed them not.

VI.

With me, along some strip of herbage strown,
That just divides the ranges from the sown,
Where name of Lewis and Hotchkiss scarce is known,
And pity any king upon his throne.

VII.

Here, with a haversack ration, beneath the bough,
A box of " ammo," a Vicker's handbook—and Thou
Pop-popping in the wilderness—
And wilderness is Paradise enow !

VIII.

The bullet no question makes of Ayes or Noes,
But right or left, as points the gun the bullet goes.
And he that points down into the field
Gets Richoes ! Richoes ! ! Richoes ! ! !

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Queenie" contentedly began to graze by the side of the road. She was in no way injured.

The Commanding Officer's horse still remains a permanent fixture. "Lizzie" has been with the Regiment about 8 years, and served during the last war. I believe the Transport men like to boast that she even served with the Regiment in South Africa. She still looks very well on parade, and her parade manners are as good as ever.

We have now erected quite a business-like jumping course in barracks, which should provide ample amusement alike for riders and spectators, and help to keep our International Horse Show aspirants in training for Olympia.

"A" COMPANY'S LETTER.

'Ere we are again, A, A, A! Nearing the Lawrence Cup, after a visionary glance a couple of years ago. Yet shooting does not count—"Why?" emphatically agreed upon. We shall endeavour to win the novices' boxing, with our unexposed talentists. In fact, a foregone conclusion, it is "OURS."

We have many congratulations to offer to various in our "abode of love"—brilliant "A," though some say the shine is across the way. The Co. offer their congrats. to Capt. Otway and Lieut. Latham on passing their exams for promotion, and to both for the higher state of efficiency reigning in the Company since their command.

We cannot say too much about C.S.M. Smith, V.C., D.C.M. He tops the mark, second to none.

Our novice, "I tink, got it." Lce.-Cpl. Grace always excels himself in boxing, giving pleasure to both his Company and Battalion. We must not forget there are also others, and their shows have been magnificent and meet with every regard from those not up to the same standard. Our Roll of Honour would fill a book, so everyone interested, which must include the whole Company, must come to that conclusion.

May we go far in our new station (even up one hill and down the other), and excel in all sports, especially athletics and boxing, on the programme.

Here endeth our yodelling.

One of the triers,

"I TINK."

"B" COMPANY'S LETTER.

Hullo! everybody. Beer Ko. calling.

All ranks of "B" Co. wish the Editorial staff every success in the publication of the *Gazette*, and hope that it will supply a much felt want. Good luck to you!

We left Tidworth on a cold and frosty morning in January. Travelled in a cold train, and didn't get warm until we commenced the climb up Castle Hill to our barracks. Gee whiz! What a climb!

After three days' fatigue, clearing the snow away and unloading the baggage, we began to settle down and prepare for a real good time.

Sport, in general, is at a standstill, owing to the state of the grounds. We finished our cricket season by getting top points for the Lawrence Cup. We had a rattling good game of soccer just before the rains set in (shades of Meerut and Moolton). Nos. 5 and 6 Platoons challenged Nos. 7 and 8 Platoons, thinking they could avenge a defeat at Rugger. However, the fates willed otherwise. Fatty played a great game for Nos. 5 and 6, but I am afraid he is responsible for the undulations in the pitch near goal. Every time he dived for a ball his 13 stone made a big dent in the mud. When Nos. 5 and 6 were leading 3—1, Gould, as usual, got hurt, and this enabled Nos. 7 and 8 to draw level. Despite the valiant efforts of Rudolph, who had three bob on Nos. 7 and 8, Nos. 5 and 6 managed to keep them out, and forced a draw. Rudolph three bob down! Grundy, Nobby, Fairy and Tony played well—in fact, everyone did, even the referee (Johnny) and one of the linesmen, Nigger. Johnny refereed very well, but at times it was hard to tell who was the ref., Johnny or Nigger, and it's a good job there was only one whistle on the field. Mad Dan didn't play in this game, but we hope to see him perform in the near future.

Since our arrival at Dover, C.S.M. Baines and family, Sgt. Gardner, and Fus. Broxton and family have joined us. We welcome them very heartily, and hope they will be very happy and comfortable.

A thrilling incident occurred the other day. Smiler Unwin had such a good breakfast (thanks to Sgt. Davies and Wigan), that when he started the round of the Assault Course, he was so full of vim that he got

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quite bloodthirsty and stuck his bayonet into his foot instead of the ground sack. Needless to say, the vim evaporated Ek Dum ! He has quite recovered and is his usual cheery self. Johnny, our quarter-bloke, is a bit Hebrewish these days ; but, then, paymasters and quarter-blokes never were pals, were they ? Our old pals, Hughes, Kershaw, Day, Raftery, Blowe, Gill and Murray are doing well in India, and like the life very much, but our Sgt.-Major says, "Wait until they have done a banana season on the plains." This is deep stuff, which I hope some Indian wallah will explain in our next *Gazette*. With the assistance of our Co. H.Q., Capt. Cross, C.S.M. Baines, C.Q.M.S. Johnson and Schoey, we are gradually getting together and becoming a team once again ; and although we have no gladiators we expect to put up a show in everything, as becomes men of Beer Ko. No. 8 Platoon has presented a parcel of clog irons to Fus. Wigan, the expenses being borne by the Platoon Compassionate Fund.

Congrats. to Don Co. on winning the Cross-Country Run.

Congrats. to our Novices on putting up such a good show on the 23rd and 24th February. The Co. managed to occupy top place with 39 points. Our team consisted of Lce.-Cpl. White, Fus. Davis, Foster, Cusack, Holden, Isherwood, Bellis, Johnson, Royle, Farish and Parkinson.

Beer Ko. closing down. Good-bye, everybody.

"BEER KO."

"C" COMPANY'S LETTER.

At the moment, winter sports seem to be held up, but we fared pretty well during the summer season.

Our First Division Cricket team, under the very able captaincy of Major F. S. Modera, D.S.O., M.C., did exceptionally well. The appended table shows results :—

v. "D" Co.	..	Won	.. 72 runs.
v. H.Q. 2 and 3		Won	.. 78 ,,
v. H.Q. 1 and 4		Lost	.. 1 run.
v. "B" Co.	..	Won	.. 3 runs.
v. "A" Co.	..	Won	.. 62 ,,

In passing, it is worthy of note that more hearts missed a tick over the H.Q. 1 and 4 game than they did when climbing the hill, coming here.

We managed to get the Colonel out for 5 runs, and the responsibility for obtaining the necessary runs fell on the R.S.M. He very nobly came up to scratch with a hard-earned 27, being eighth wicket out. The score then stood at—"C," 66 ; H.Q., 67 ; and they never got one more. The anxiety made the R.S.M. perspire so freely that the pitch did not require watering for a week.

In the match against "A" Co., it was necessary for the scorers to requisition all the penknives in the Battalion to keep up with Fus. Blythe, who made 109, thereby earning for himself (*a*) the distinction of being highest scorer in Company games for the season ; (*b*) also a new pair of boots, Cricket, Mark I.

Our Second Division team did not do so well, as we kept all our best players in the First team, and did not keep a couple in hand for the Second.

Since arriving here, and a month or so before, everyone was concentrated on cross-country running. We fought out a hard struggle with "D" Co. in the Bn. Run—who may accept our heartiest congratulations—and obtained second place, by the very narrow margin of 9 points—340 and 331 respectively. We managed to get 7 in the first 14, but as everyone is aware it is the tail end that wins or loses a run, and in this department we were very weak. Had not one of our team (Fiddaman) gone on a course the same morning we should have had 8 in the first 20.

At Rugby we have so far met and drawn with H.Q. 2 and 3, and "D" Co. Both very clean, hard tussles. In the former game no one succeeded in crossing the line ; and the latter game resulted in a score of 3 all.

We are looking forward hopefully to a very good soccer season. Should we be unsuccessful, then we will console ourselves by oiling up our cricket bats in preparation for the coming season. Should our hopes be again blighted we will resort to tiddly-winks, although it is doubtful whether points towards the Lawrence Cup will be allotted for this noble pastime.

The best of luck to all those from "C" Co. who have left us for the 2nd Bn. May they have a right good time in India. We

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don't forget them, and we shall search the pages of *The Minden Gazette* for news of their success.

"D" COMPANY'S LETTER.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

"Don" Co. wish you every success in your undertaking to publish a journal for the Battalion. We realise that the work will be hard, and that it will mean hours of your spare time being devoted to journalism for our benefit, therefore we sincerely hope that your initial effort will meet with full success.

The Co. is now comfortably settled down in Dover. The move from Tidworth went fairly well, only one hitch occurring—this took place when everyone was seated in the train; the whistle had been blown for the train to move, when a frantic and greatly harassed father dashed along to the guard and said, "Don't let the train move: I have lost one of my children!" The child was eventually found under a carriage seat, calmly sucking an orange.

It was noticed on arrival at Dover, coming up Castle Hill, that a large number of unmarried senior N.C.O.'s were training for the Matrimonial Stakes—*i.e.*, carrying babies. I understand that our gallant Band Sergt. carried at least six different youngsters.

Our Co. Commander, Major Tallents, is at present in hospital undergoing an operation. We hope everything goes well with him, and that he will soon be back with us.

The Co. is at present under the tender wing and jurisdiction of Lieut. W. H. Lees, who is keeping us up to the first-class standard that has always been known in the Company.

During the present trooping season we have had several "old soldiers" posted to us from the 2nd Bn., and have heard quite a lot about "out there." "Landi Kotal and Madras to you" is the familiar expression.

As these "old warriors" leave us for the Army Reserve, we shake them heartily by the hand and wish them every success in civil life. They tell us they have jobs waiting for them at £10 and £12 per week (per-haps), but by the unemployment statistics and the number of workhouses that are being erected, we are afraid that these men do not tell us terminological inexactitudes, but that they are not quite familiar with the truth.

Our present C.Q.M.S. joined us from the 2nd Bn., and has been trying to entice us to volunteer for abroad, telling us it is the "land of milk and honey." His statements do not coincide with the yarns of the aforesaid "old sweats" about "out yonder." Now we are wondering who is telling the truth? Has our "Quarter-bloke" been caught by going over-seas, and wants us to be caught also? or does he want to get us all away so that he can be paid for doing nothing?

Anyhow, he is not a bad sort, what we have seen of him, although he is a bit tight-fisted on Fridays. We sometimes wonder if he thinks it is his own money he pays us out with.

C.Q.M.S. Maidment and family left us last September for the 2nd Bn. We hope they have quite settled down in their new home, and that they are enjoying their tour of the world at the expense of the public.

An unofficial report has reached us that Maidment has lost three stone in weight since he has been in India. As far as we can remember, he was only about eight stone when he went out. We are wondering how many inches of cloth it now takes to make him a pair of shorts.

During the present year we have done quite well in the matter of sports.

In hockey and soccer one game in each League has been played with winning results.

In Rugby one game has been played, which resulted in a draw.

Cross-country also ended with a win for us. This was quite a shock to the Star Co., who thought they had won the race before it had begun.

Boxing, as everyone knows, was won by us. Our hard-hitting Sgt.-Major taught us how to beat our opponents. What he (Miner) does not know about boxing is not worth knowing, as the result of September's tournament proved.

All this stuff about sports may appear to some as bombast and swank, but, let it be known, it has only been brought to notice to give others the warning that unless they buck themselves up, the Lawrence Cup will again come to "D" Co. We think it is

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about time some other Co. won it, because our banking account is getting very low through paying insurance on the Cup for the past three years.

" PICEY."

A REPORT TO THE ADJUTANT CONCERNING AN ACCIDENT ON THE RANGE.

Oh, Adjutant ! dear Adjutant ! a tale I have to tell—
How yesterday upon the range an accident befell.
You will recall, dear Adjutant, it was a misty day,
And not at all the kind of time to fire the A.R.A.

The Sergeant-Major and his staff were waiting there in state,
Each mounted on his fiery steed—the spectacle was great !
When I alighted from my car they waved a friendly hand,
And it was glorious to hear the " Anthem " from the Band.

Hot tears were starting to my eyes, when Britain's noble sons
Gave me a *feu-de-joie* upon their automatic guns.
I bared my head and drew my sword to answer their salute.
" Good show ! Tails up ! " I cried aloud, " Now let me see you shoot."

The Lewis gunners cleaned their guns and tightened up the nuts ;
I seized the telephone and sent this message to the butts :
" Put up the targets 1 to 12, and strike the Union Jack,
For we are just about to fire." " Aye, aye ! " they answered back.

A bugle rang out loud and long ; the targets rose on high.
" Now shoot your best, my noble men." They answered back, " We'll try."
A Sergeant gave the word, " Begin ! " and down they quickly lay,
And so with pomp and circumstance commenced the A.R.A.

Regardless of their uniforms, they lay upon the ground.
The Lewis gunners lit their fires and turned the handles round.

Bang ! bang ! the shots rang out, and soon above the markers' heads
The targets fell with rending crash, all torn and ripped in shreds.

Again the bugle blew, which meant a 15-seconds' pause,
And every man began to pull his rifle through with gauze.
One noble fellow served out flannelette to all his mates.
I shouted in the telephone : " Put up the falling plates."

Then suddenly a man turns back, and up to me he runs,
And gasps aloud : " Oh ! Sir, we want more petrol for the guns.
If I become a third-class shot it is all up with me."
I said : " Cheer up, my valiant friend—— March on, the A.S.C. ! "

The Sergeant-Major shouted, " Sir ! " The bugles blew again ;
With waving plumes and clanking spurs arrived the 1st line train.
The guns were soon refilled with juice, and all was going well,
When Number 90, Private Watts, tripped up, and down he fell."

His Lewis gun jumped from his grasp and got out of control ;
The shots poured on into the butts until they made a hole.
The bugler played the Fire Alarm—quite right, he should have done ;
But still it didn't help to silence Private Watt's gun.

The R.E. came and offered help with wire and tape and mauls,
To try and see if they could break the right or left stop pawls.
Although they did their level best they couldn't stop that gun.
I shouted : " Who will try with me ? " But answer came there none.

I crawled along and grabbed the gun. There rose a mighty cheer.
" Oh ! stop it quickly, noble Sir, but do not point it here ! "
With superhuman bravery I turned that gun about
And took a piece of 4 by 2 and shoved it up the spout.

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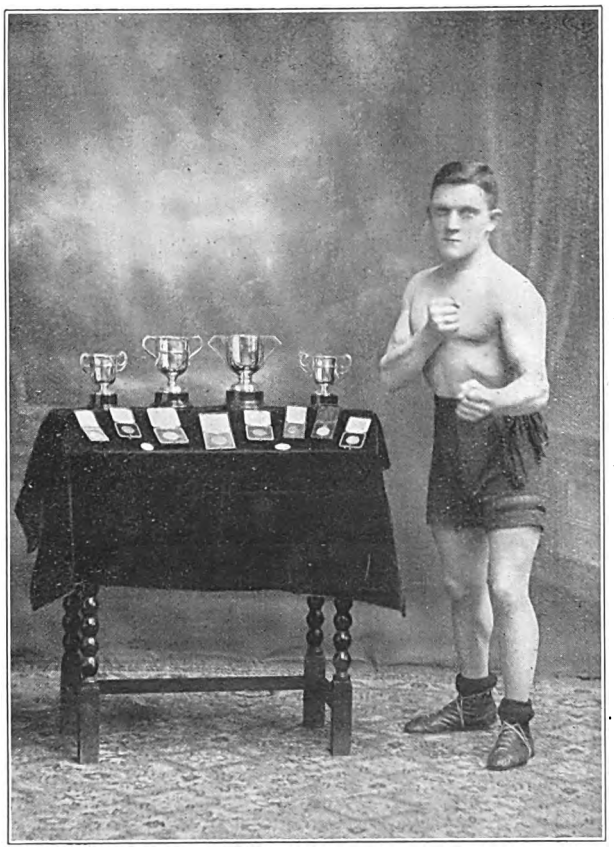
After this noble deed was done, I half unconscious lay.
I gasped: "Go on, my valiant men, and win the A.R.A."
A shout rose from their honest lips, my hand was roughly seized
And shaken. Tails are up again, and everybody's pleased.

The register came from the butts; I noticed that the score



Ex-Fus. Lomax, late of "B" Co.

Was very good, especially on target Number 4.
It suddenly occurred to me that nearly all these shots
Were those proceeding from the gun of Private Watts.

BOXING NOTES.

The photograph of Lomax was taken when he was serving in the Bn. in Dublin. During the short time he has been in civilian life he has won many cups and medals, and is the Bantam-Weight Champion of the L.M. and S.Rly., Northern Area.

A very interesting Novices' Boxing Competition was held at Tilshead, to decide points for the Lawrence Cup. Some very keenly contested bouts were witnessed, and eventually "D" Co. ran out winners of the Boxing Shield, with "A" Co. a very close second.

After manœuvres, a Boys' Competition was held at Tidworth—a very good show indeed, some of our boys showing very good form.

In the first round of the Army Cup we were defeated by the 7th Queen's Own Hussars, by 2 points. A very close thing, our men not giving much away. One thing was perfectly obvious, all our men, with the exception of Watts and Grace, being short of training.

On the 16th December, Cpls. Watts and Grace visited the 5th (T.) Bn. Lan. Fus. at Bury, and did some excellent boxing. Cpl. Watts easily defeated Tpr. Bryant, 14/20th Hussars, on points in 10 rounds.

Lce.-Cpl. Grace achieved one of his greatest ambitions by defeating Sgt. Haslam, Loyal Regt. (Imperial Services Bantam-Weight Champion) on points in 10 rounds.

The same two N.C.O.'s again visited the 5th (T.) Bn. on 12th February, at Bury.

Lce.-Cpl. Grace defeated Fus. Buckett on points in six rounds, Cpl. Watts fought and was defeated by Lce.-Cpl. Buckett on points in six rounds. Bucket being a very clever and experienced boxer and the champion of the district.

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The Bn. Boxing Club held a Novices' Tournament in the Gymnasium at Guston, on the 23rd and 24th February—a preliminary show before our team started training for the Dover Brigade Tournament.

Some very good, clean bouts were seen, everybody being keen although it did not count towards the Lawrence Cup.

The winners and runners-up were :—

Middle-Weight.—Dr. Scholfield, 1 and 4, beat Lce.-Cpl. Mackin, " D " Co.

Welter-Weight.—Fus. Young, " C " Co., beat Fus. Davis, H.Q. 1 and 4.

Light-Weight.—Fus. Holden, " B " Co., beat Fus. Burton, " A " Co.

Feather-Weight.—Fus. Steadman, " C " Co., beat Fus. Foster, " B " Co.

Bantam-Weight.—Fus. Davis, " B " Co., beat Fus. Crothers, H.Q. 1 and 4.

Boys' Weight.—Boy Coleman, H.Q., beat Boy Hobson, H.Q.

The pluckiest loser was Fus. Pearce, " C " Co.

The following put up very game shows, and will go far with more experience and training : — Pearce, Isherwood, Lindop, Larkin, Andrews, Burton, Lce.-Cpl. Mackin, Lce.-Cpl. McDermot, Roscoe, Long, Slater and Farish.

" B " Co. finished top on points, followed closely by H.Q. 1 and 4 and " D " Co.

The Commanding Officer presented medals to winners and runners-up, and remarked that the show had been very ably arranged and conducted by Lieut. A. J. O. Bridgeman, C.S.M. Miner, The Brothers Wootton, Cpls. Watts, Grace, Bellingham and Morris.

Fus. Butterworth, " D " Co., was presented with a silver medal as the pluckiest loser at our Tilshead show.

12th INFANTRY BRIGADE BOXING COMPETITION.

Winners—**1st Bn. The Lancashire Fusiliers.**

The Boxing Tournament between the Battalions of the 12th Inf. Bde. for the Dover Town Challenge Cup was held in the Buffs' Drill Hall, on the 18th and 20th March.

FIRST NIGHT, 18TH MARCH.

Bantam-Weights.

Fus. Wilson, 1st Lan. Fus., beat Pte. Smith, 1st Queen's Regt., on points.

Fus. Davies, 1st Lan. Fus., beat Pte. Naylor, Details Beds. and Herts. Regt., on points.

Feather-Weights.

Dmr. McMahon, 1st Lan. Fus., beat Bdm. Adnett, 1st K.O.Y.L.I., on points.

Lce.-Cpl. Grace, 1st Lan. Fus., beat Pte. Hubbard, Details Beds. and Herts. Regt., on points.

Light-Weights.

Cpl. Wood, 1st K.O.Y.L.I., beat Fus. Copp, 1st Lan. Fus.—k.o.

Lce.-Cpl. Maxwell, Details Beds. and Herts. Regt., beat Fus. Hogan, 1st Lan. Fus., on points.

Welter-Weights.

Cpl. Watts, 1st Lan. Fus., beat Sgt. Inkpen, 1st Queen's, on points.

Pte. Brack, 1st K.O.Y.L.I., beat Fus. Young, 1st Lan. Fus., on points.

Middle-Weights.

Sgt. Wootton, 1st Lan. Fus., beat Cpl. Mann, 1st Queen's Regt.—k.o.

Catch-Weights.

Dmr. Wootton, 1st Lan. Fus., beat Pte. Ward, Beds. and Herts. Regt.—k.o.

The above are fights which directly affected us. The points at the end of the 1st night were as follows :—

1st Lan. Fus., 17 pts. ; 1st K.O.Y.L.I., 17 pts. ; 1st Queen's Regt., 14 pts. ; Details Beds. and Herts., 12 pts.

Strange as it may appear now that the show is over, we had more pessimists at the end of the 1st night's boxing than all the ports on the East Coast. It was obvious to the least observant spectator that our boxing tactics would win against the slogging tactics of our friends the enemy ; yet, with pencil on paper, the pessimists added and deducted until we could not possibly win.

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SECOND NIGHT—20TH MARCH.

Semi-Finals, Bantam-Weights.

Fus. Wilson, 1st Lan. Fus., beat Pte. Callery, 1st K.O.Y.L.I., on points after extra round.

Fus. Davies, 1st Lan. Fus., beat Pte. Rowlands, 1st K.O.Y.L.I., on points.

Feather-Weights.

Dmr. McMahon, 1st Lan. Fus., beat Pte. Packwood, 1st Queen's, on points.

Lce.-Cpl. Grace, 1st Lan. Fus., beat Pte. Hudson, 1st K.O.Y.L.I., on points.

Welter-Weights.

Cpl. Watts, 1st Lan. Fus., beat Lce.-Cpl. Weldon, 1st K.O.Y.L.I., on points.

Finals. Bantam-Weights.

Fus. Davies, 1st Lan. Fus., beat Fus. Wilson, 1st Lan. Fus.—k.o.

Feather-Weights.

Lce.-Cpl. Grace, 1st Lan. Fus., beat Dmr. McMahon, 1st Lan. Fus.—k.o.

Light-Weights.

We had no interest in this weight as our men lost their fights the first night.

Welter-Weights.

Cpl. Watts, 1st Lan. Fus., beat Pte. Brack, 1st K.O.Y.L.I., on points.

Middle-Weights.

Sgt. Wootton, 1st Lan. Fus., beat Lce.-Cpl. Cromey, Details Beds. and Herts. Regt., on points. This fight aroused tremendous excitement as Cromey was a clever boxer and hard hitter. However, Wootton's left began to score, and at the end of the 2nd round there was only one man in it, and that one Wootton. Cromey, who was obviously unfit, could only just last the pace to the final gong, Wootton chasing him all through the last round.

Catch-Weights.

Pte. Rush, 1st Queen's, beat Dmr. Wootton, 1st Lan. Fus.—k.o. In this fight Wootton was leading easily on points when he stopped a blind swing by Rush. When Wootton learns to guard and cover, in clinches and breaks, he will win many fights. However, he was decidedly unlucky, and we wish him better luck next time.

This was the final fight, the points reading: 1st Lan. Fus., 38 pts.; 1st K.O.Y.L.I., 31 pts.; 1st Queen's Regt., 19 pts.; Details Beds. and Herts. Regt., 14 pts.

Councillor Livings presented the Cup to the Cmdg. Officer (Col. Spooner) and congratulated the Battalion on having such a fine team of boxers.

Medals were presented to our team, as the winners, and in addition Fus. Davies, Lce.-Cpl. Grace, Cpl. Watts and Sgt. Wootton won their respective weights and received medals. Fus. Wilson, Dmr. McMahon and Dmr. Wootton received runners-up medals.

C.S.M. Miner has now definitely retired from active boxing, and spends his spare time training the team and teaching the novices.

All credit is due to him for getting our team in fighting trim in such a short time, and to every member of our team for backing him up so loyally.

We take this opportunity to congratulate C.S.M. Miner and the team on their splendid victory.

SOCCER.

Soccer in the Bn. has improved a lot this season, and our team is gradually coming into its own.

Still, there is room for further improvement, and I want to devote some space to one or two points which I think need bringing home to our young players.

Positional Play.

So that there shall be no mistake about what I mean by positional play, let me define it as more particularly referring to the position which a player occupies, not so much when he is actually playing the ball, but rather when he is not in actual contact, and is placing himself in the best position for obtaining possession.

Let me state two maxims of the game:—(1) A goalkeeper must never be on his goal-line; (2) Backs must never occupy positions in a straight line across the field.

I can sympathise with the half-back who finds his constructive ability thwarted by the lack of intuition amongst his own forwards, which leaves him with the impossible task of finding his own man only by driving the ball through an opponent's body, when a couple of steps to either side by his own

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colleague would give a direct route with immense possibilities for further development.

Players must get hold of the point that it is much easier for the man not with the ball to move a matter of a few yards into a position to receive a direct pass, than it is for the player carrying the ball to find a colleague who persistently gets himself covered by an opponent.

Lastly, the passes between halves and forwards should be ground passes, for the excellent reasons that they are more accurate, quicker, and therefore save time, and easier to collect and carry on than a pass in the air.

"STICKS."

SOCCER NOTES.

Owing to our move from Tidworth occurring so late in the season, we have been excluded from the various leagues in Dover and district.

In the Army Cup Competition we did a little better than in recent years.

In the 1st Round we met and defeated 3rd Div. Royal Corps of Signals by 2 goals to 1, Lce.-Cpl. Long and Cpl. Gould being the scorers. In this game, Fus. Bunn played a very fine game at outside-right and was the outstanding player on the field.

2nd Round Army Cup.

1ST LAN. FUS.—4 goals.
2ND S.W.B.'S—2 goals.

In the 2nd Round we met and defeated the 2nd S.W.B.'s by 4 goals to 2. Scorers were McMordie, Long, Whitworth and Lightfoot.

McMordie, Whitworth and Butterworth were outstanding players, continually breaking up the attacks of the opposing forwards.

3rd Round Army Cup.

5TH BN. R.T. CORPS—4 goals.
1ST LAN. FUS.—Nil.

In the 3rd Round we were defeated by the 5th Bn. R.T. Corps, 4 goals to none.

Up to half-time, all the play was in our favour, and we were distinctly unlucky in not being 3 goals up.

After the change of ends, Weir was injured and had to retire, and the Tanks ran out easy winners.

Next season our teams are entering for all competitions in the East Kent district, and hope to pull off one or two trophies.

"LINESMAN."

Army Cup—Boys.

1st Round.

1ST LAN. FUS.—5 goals.
14/20TH HUSSARS.—1 goal.

The 14/20th commenced full of dash, and their forwards ran through our defence and scored in the first minute of the game. This looked serious, but our team soon settled down to their normal game and ran out winners by 5 goals to 1, Baker scoring 4 and Jerram 1.

2nd Round.

1ST LAN. FUS.—Bye.

Very luckily we drew a bye in the 2nd Round, and were drawn against the 2nd Bn. Welch Regt. in the 3rd Round.

3rd Round.

2ND WELCH REGT.—4 goals.
1ST LAN. FUS.—1 goal.

We knew that we were up against it in this match, as the Welch had already defeated us in a friendly.

The Welch quickly got going, and after a really fine game they ran out winners by 4 goals to 1. Our team on the run of the play was quite as good as the Welch. The Welch forwards were very nippy and shot at goal whenever they had a chance.

Our forwards were very good in mid-field, but would not shoot when they had the chance.

With the exception of Baker, they hung on to the ball until it was too late. Baker tried hard and played a very good game, but too much was expected from him, and the opposing halves and backs shadowed him very closely.

Coombes, McGarry, Baker and Coleman played well in all games, and no doubt we shall see them wearing our 1st Team colours before many seasons are over.

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RUGGER NOTES.

We may claim so far to have had our most successful season since taking up Rugby football as a Regimental game. We had the ill luck to draw as strong a side as the Somerset Light Infantry in the 1st Round of the Army Cup, and the team never showed their proper form, being probably affected by the long journey from Tidworth to Devonport, the Somersets running out winners by 12 points to 3. This match and the first match of the season are the only ones we have lost. This year we are spreading the Inter-Co. League over the whole season, and already several very promising players have been discovered in the Company sides.

The results of Regt. games since coming to Dover are as follows :—

Beat 3rd Bn. Royal Tank Corps, 6—0.
" A " XV. beat 1st Bn. K.O.Y.L.I. " A " XV., 8—0.
Beat Depôt Royal Marines, 20—0.
Beat 3rd Bn. Royal Tank Corps, 11—3.
Drew with 1st Bn. K.O.Y.L.I., 3—3.
Beat 1st Bn. Queen's Royal Regt., 28—0.
Beat U.S. Chatham " A," 9—5.

				Points.	
Played.	Won.	Drn.	Lost.	For.	Agst.
14	11	1	2	213	56

Inter-Co. League up to 1/3/26.

Co.	Played.	Won.	Drn.	Lost.	Pts.
H.Q. 2 & 3	3	2	1	0	5
" A " ..	3	2	0	1	4
" D " ..	2	1	1	0	3
" C " ..	2	0	2	0	2
" B " ..	2	0	0	2	0
H.Q. 1 & 4	2	0	0	2	0

RUNNING NOTES.

CROSS-COUNTRY.

The Inter-Co. Cross-Country Championship was held at Dover on 27th January, over a fairly stiff 5-mile course. Though " C " Co. had 8 men in the first 15, they were beaten by " D " Co. for first place, the winners' team packing extremely well.

1st Bdsmn. Hipperson, H.Q. 1 and 4.
2nd Sgt. Day, " C " Co.
3rd Cpl. Keane, " D " Co.
4th Cpl. Clewes, " C " Co.
5th Fus. Wright, " A " Co.
6th Fus. Taylor, H.Q. 1 and 4.

1st " D " Co.	.. ..	331 pts.
2nd " C " Co.	.. ..	340 ,,
3rd H.Q. 1 and 4	.. ..	428 ,,
4th " A " Co.	.. ..	465 ,,
5th " B " Co.	.. ..	551 ,,
6th H.Q. 2 and 3	.. ..	631 ,,

Immediately after the Co. race we started to train the Regtl. team for the Command Championship.

On 6th February we took a team to Manston and were narrowly beaten by the R.A.F. Champions of 1924.

On 13th February the team finished 13th out of 25 in the South of the Thames Championship, which, considering the strength of the opposition, was quite satisfactory.

On 19th February, the 3rd Bn. Royal Tank Corps, our chief opponents in the Command, sent a team over to Dover to run us. Each side ran 20, first 15 to count. The result was a victory for the Tanks by 27 points.

3rd Bn. Royal Tank Corps—1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 12, 14, 15, 20, 21, 23, 27, 28, 32 = 220 pts.
1st Lan. Fus.—3, 5, 9, 10, 11, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 24, 25, 26, 29 = 247 pts.

On 26th February the Royal Warwickshire Regt. sent an " A " team to run our " A " team over a 5-mile course, 12 a side running, 8 counting. The race resulted in a win for our team by 51 points to 85.

1st Lan. Fus.—1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12, 14 = 51 pts.
1st R. Warwickshire Regt.—6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 15, 16 = 85 pts.

London University were forced to scratch their fixture with us on 27th February.

One of the most pleasing points of the present season has been the greatly increased

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enthusiasm in the Battalion for cross-country running. There has been very keen competition for the last four places in the team.

THE EASTERN COMMAND CROSS-COUNTRY RUN.

This run took place at Shorncliffe on Thursday, 4th March, 1926, to decide which teams would run at the Army show at Aldershot. 192 runners competed, 12 unit teams of 15 runners each, and 12 runners who were competing for individual places. Considering the short time we have had for training, our men put up the best show in cross-country running we have seen since the war. The first and second teams home to represent the Command at the Army Run.

The course was a measured 7½ miles with stiff hills and marshy valleys alternating for the first three, and a climb over a shoulder of the down at five.

The last mile was run in the teeth of a stiff N.E. wind. Mr. Charles Otway, the great authority on all matters pertaining to sport, described the course as "one of the stiffest I have ever seen."

The individual placings of our men were :— 3, 4, 6, 12, 17, 20, 31, 37, 38, 46, 48, 60, 67, 68, 83.

Bdsmn. Hipperson was our first man home, time 49.58, closely followed by Lce.-Cpl. Keane, Sgt. Day, Lce.-Cpl. Melchoir, and Lce.-Cpl. Clews. All our men ran well, and I am sure will do even better at Aldershot.

The team placings were :—

		Total points.
1st	3rd Bn. R.T.C.	*222
2nd	1st Bn. The Lan. Fus. ..	*312
3rd	Training Bn. R.E. ..	438
4th	1st Bn. R. Warwicks ..	531
5th	1st Bn. K.O.Y.L.I. ..	771

* Represent the Command at Aldershot.

We congratulate the winners, and hope to give them a better run at Aldershot.

HOCKEY NOTES.

Hockey this season has not gone too well, mainly through the move from Tidworth.

The 1st Team have played 4 matches, winning 2 and losing 2.

The "A" Team are doing much better than the 1st Team, having played 8 games without a defeat.

In the 4th Round of the Army Cup we met the Duke of York's R.M. School and were easily defeated by 6 goals to none.

The only redeeming feature of this match was the really fine play of our defence and brilliant goal-keeping of Bdsmn. Oliver.

We congratulate the Dukies on their victory, and wish them the best of luck in the remaining Cup ties.

"STICKS."

BILLIARD NOTES.

1925.

As usual, the Tidworth Garrison League for the Shield was divided into two Sections —"A," composed of Officers and Sergeants; and "B," composed of Corporals and Privates. The "A" team was composed of Lieut. E. A. Gordon, O.R.Q.M.S. E. A. Tanner, C.S.M. H. Harrington, C.Q.M.S. R. J. Welby, and Sgts. F. Williams and G. Anstiss. We commenced disastrously. Meeting the 14/20th Hussars on their own midden, we lost 5 games to 1 (Mr. Gordon being the lucky one).

We played the return match on our Sergeants' Mess table, and "saw them off" at 6 games to none. Thus we gracefully slid into the next round. In this round we met the 12th Royal Lancers and experienced no difficulty in passing into the final round of the competition with a score of 10 games to 2. This meant meeting the best "B" team, which turned out to be the Loyals. In the first series of games on our table we won all six.

It was only necessary to win one game on their table to win the Shield. We managed to win two games and won the Shield, and each member of the team a cue and case. In passing, it is worthy of comment, that there was more fun over the last series of games than we had all through the competition. The Loyals had a size larger red ball than its companions, and it was really laughable to see the looks of surprise and consternation on the face of Tanner when his losing hazards off the red—usually regarded by everyone as a sitter—would shoot off the red ball square,

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missing the pocket by nearly a table's width.

Even Bob began to regard his customary lemonade with suspicion.

The " B " team, composed of Cpl. Clancy, Lce.-Cpl. White, Dr. Jackson, Fus. Blythe, Fus. Lockett and Fus. Pixton, did very well and managed to get into the final against the Loyals, losing 8 games to 4.

We were hoping that our " B " team would defeat the Loyals and play our " A " team in the final for the Garrison Shield, but this was not to be.

1926.

The championship of the Bn. is now in full swing, the winner going up for the Army Championship.

We arrived at Dover too late to enter the various competitions, but intend going all out next season.

Battalion Championship.

This competition was run on different lines to other years. Instead of the best 4 Officers, 4 Sergeants, 4 Corporals and 12 Fusiliers playing off for the championship, as in other years, the names of all entrants were placed in a hat, shook up, and then paired as they were drawn out of the hat.

This method has proved a great success and produced some really good billiards. The best and closest games were those between Lieut. Bridgeman and Lce.-Cpl. Long, Fus. Heaton and Sgt. Williams, Cpl. Clancy and Fus. Pixton, C.S.M. Harrington and Bdm. Worrall, Lce.-Cpl. Milward and Lce.-Cpl. Wakelin, Dmr. Jackson and Fus. Blythe. In the final, C.S.M. Harrington met Dmr. Jackson. This game was quite the worst one of the whole competition, resulting in a runaway victory for Dmr. Jackson. The final score reading :—Dmr. Jackson, 300 ; C.S.M. Harrington, 152. Time, 1 hr. 10 mins. Harrington's best break was 21 ; Jackson's breaks over 20 were 28, 27, 26, 25, 24, 24, 21, 20. The 2nd in Command, Col. Luker, presented prizes to the winner and runner-up.

Army Individual Championship.

As the other Unit representatives have scratched, Dmr. Jackson represents the Dover Garrison against the best player of the Shorncliffe Garrison—

DMR. JACKSON, 1ST BN. THE LANCASHIRE FUSILIERS, DOVER GARRISON,

versus

SGT. PERRY, 1ST BN. THE ROYAL WARWICKSHIRE REGT., SHORNCLIFFE GARRISON.

This game was played at Shorncliffe, on the 19th March, 1926. Although no big breaks were made in this match, it was a very fine game to watch. Both players appeared nervous of each other, and safety play was the order for the first 30 minutes, the scores then being :—Dmr. Jackson, 90 ; Sgt. Perry, 78. From this point Jackson played very confidently, and gradually increasing his lead ran out the winner by 42 points, the final scores being :—Dmr. Jackson, 300 ; Sgt. Perry, 258. Considering that Dmr. Jackson has only played a few times with ivory balls, and was up against a good player in Sgt. Perry, we may regard it as a very fine performance indeed and congratulate Jackson on his victory.

We hope to see Jackson representing the Eastern Command at Thurston's, and wish him the best of luck in the remaining games.

STUMPED.

Overheard at a Salvation Army Headquarters :—

" Do you save young women here ? "

" Yes—sometimes."

" Well, save me one for Friday night."

A Scotchman was accosted by a Salvation Army girl.

" Spare a copper, Sir."

" What for ? " says the Scottie.

" For the Lord," replied the girl.

" I'd better not," said the Scottie. " Maybe I'll see Him before you do."

PASSING GENERAL OFFICER (to recruit) : " Here, my man, why don't you salute me ? Don't you know you ought to salute officers?"

RECRUIT : " Yes, Sir."

P.G.O. : " Then why don't you ? "

RECRUIT : " Didna know tha were a officer, ah thowt tha were a red cap."

Heard in the Transport Lines : —

" Shall I feed Lizzie with a bucket, Sergeant ? "

No ! Feed 'er with a —— barrow."

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Heard on Roll Call :—
SGT. (calling the roll) : " Smith ? "
SMITH : " Here, Sawgeant."
SGT. : " Thomas ? "
THOMAS : " Here ! "
SGT. : " Here what ? "
THOMAS : " Here ! Here ! ! "
? Did Thomas go into the farthest corner.

Heard on Manoeuvres :—
" Put your nosebags on, but don't feed."

HAGGIS.

Two small boys wanted to go to the pictures, so they searched their pockets and found they could only raise threepence between them—six halfpennies. They were stumped, as the entrance fee was threepence each.

Willie, struck with a brilliant idea, says : " Let's put them on the railway line, the first train to come along will flatten them out and we can pass them as pennies ! "

So the coins were laid very carefully on the rail. Five minutes or so later an express passed. The boys rushed to get their pennies, and, to their amazement, the coins had vanished.

Shush ! It was the Scotch express !

THINGS WE SHOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

Sergeants' Mess.

(1) If it is true that a certain W.O. II. had to pay for 6 Rugger shirts after the K.O.Y.L.I. match ?

(2) If points were allotted towards the Lawrence Cup for " Wangling," which Co. would win it every time ?

(3) Aren't we lucky in having a plumber on the premises ?

Corporals' Mess.

(1) Can smoke be omitted from a fire ?

(2) Do training Cadres assist in gaining promotion ?

(3) Was it negligence on the part of the B.O.R. staff that " George " was not posted in Part II. Orders as a deserter, and what punishment he will be awarded by the C.O. ?

(4) Who was the Bn. boxer who was knocked out by a " Bucket " ? (T.)

(5) Should Abbott be allowed to smoke a pipe at the Bn. Dances ? We understand that the Band lodged a protest at the last one.

Signals.

(1) Ref. B.O.'s regarding the disposal of ashes, if this should not be kept secret now that the Australian Cricket Team are about to invade our shores ?

(2) The amount of punishment the Editor can impose on tame poets ?

(3) If the young lady who charged 9d. each for two bananas (oh ! yes, she said she would bring the change) at Redhill Station was the instigator of the " eat more fruit " campaign?

" B " Co.

(1) Who was the N.C.O. who gave the order to size while the men were still at the slope ?

(2) The name of the Fusilier who, when asked by an N.C.O., " Who is your next-of-kin ? " replied " I have none, Sergeant, but I am courting strong and I am expecting to become engaged shortly " ?

(3) Is it true that Sgt. Balme has indented for wind for the young bandsmen ?

" D " Co.

(1) Has a certain officer learnt how to pitch and strike a bell tent since last Minden Day ?

(2) Whether a certain W.O. got his shirt at the R.E.'s ?

(3) Did his pal get the collar stud ?

H.Q. Wing.

(1) When will Cos. transfer any of their sportsmen to H.Q. Wing ?

(2) The marriage market in Dover is at present at a standstill, the Band not having paraded in scarlet yet.

(3) Who was the Sergeant of " C " Co. who tackled a rugger goal-post in mistake for an opponent ? Has he been fitted with binoculars ?

(4) " C " Co. are now in possession of our full Rugger team, and have transferred one lame man in return.

(5) Two ludo players arrive from the Depôt with the next draft. Will they go to " C " Co. ?

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Photo] THE BATTALION BOXING TEAM. [*Whorwell and Son, Dover.*

WINNERS OF THE DOVER TOWN CHALLENGE CUP, 1926.

Back Row.—Fus. Wilson. Fus. Davies. Fus. Copp. Fus. Steadman. Dmr. Wootten. Fus. Young. Dmr. McMahon. Fus. Holden.

Sitting.—Lce.-Cpl. Grace. Sgt. Wootten. C.S.M. Miner, M.M. Lt.-Col. A. H. Spooner, C.M.G., D.S.O. Lt. A. J. O. Bridgeman. Sgt. Ramsden. Cpl. Watts.

Boy Coleman. Fus. Gordon.

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The Gallipoli Gazette.

The Journal of the 1st Bn. The Lancashire Fusiliers.

No. 2. **Dover, July, 1926.** **Vol. I.**

EDITORIAL.

The first number of *The Gallipoli Gazette* was so well received, that we make our second appearance with a certain amount of confidence, considerably heartened by the flood of kind words and letters of congratulation which is still pouring in.

Indeed, the Editorial Staff have been so busy in their new office, shaking hands with each other, that they very nearly forgot about a second number altogether.

The letter-box, however, was bursting with excellent contributions, and before presenting them to the world, we take this opportunity of thanking all those who managed in these busy days to devote time and trouble towards a success which counts no points to Cup or Shield.

The fact that we have again to apologise for holding some of the articles over for the next number, speaks for itself.

We had hoped to insert as our frontispiece a photograph of the Colonel of the Regiment, but so far he has been too busy to have one taken. He has, however, promised us one for our next number.

NOTES.

General Sir Walter Braithwaite, K.C.B., G.O.C. Eastern Command, inspected the Bn. on parade on 23rd March, and afterwards went round the Barracks. He expressed himself as being very pleased with all he saw.

On 14th April we had a visit from Major-Gen. Sir W. P. P. de B. Radcliffe, K.C.M.G., G.O.C. 4th Division, who dined with the Officers and on the following day inspected the Barracks.

Major-Gen. Radcliffe is the son of Gen. Sir W. P. Radcliffe, who commanded the 2nd Bn. on its formation in March, 1858, to June, 1863. He played a distinguished part in the attack on the engine-house during the Siege of Lucknow. He was afterwards appointed Colonel of the Regiment in 1894, and died in 1897. His photograph hangs in the Officers' Mess of the 1st Bn.

Major R. R. Willis, V.C., on leave from Palestine, paid us a visit on Sunday, 18th April, with his son. He came over again on Gallipoli Day for the Sports, and also attended the Sergeants' Ball and stayed the night.

Col. J. H. Gideon again visited us on Gallipoli Day. We take this opportunity of again thanking him for the handsome donation he made to the *Gallipoli Gazette.*

On the same occasion we were very pleased to see General Brunker, Capt. W. Appleby, and Sergt. A. Richards, V.C.

We welcome to the Battalion Capt. J. W. Evatt and Capt. T. B. C. Piggott, who have joined us since our last publication.

Capt. P. G. Humfrey and Lieut. N. O. Hill have both spent a week-end with us, when draft conducting from the Depôt.

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The following Old Officers of the Regiment have been discovered residing in the neighbourhood :—Brig.-Gen. Brunker, at Canterbury ; Col. Mitchell, at Tunbridge Wells, quite close to Gen. Wade ; and as we go to press we hear that Col. Pearson is moving down to Folkestone.

Capt. P. D. W. Dunn, D.S.O., M.C., The Border Regt., late XX., paid us a visit from the S.A.S. to see our men at Weapon Training. We congratulate him on his recovery from his recent illness, and hope that we shall see more of him in future.

Major E. S. Allsup is attached to the Bn. from the Artillery for six months, and we hope he will enjoy his time spent with us.

Lieut. A. H. Gardner, 8th Bn., was attached to us for two weeks, and we now have Lieut. E. M. Dickenson with us on a six weeks' attachment.

Lieut. Rollo Worthington paid us another visit and stayed over Gallipoli Day and the week-end.

We were very pleased to see Col. W. Hill and the Officers of the Loyal Regiment at our Sports on Gallipoli Day.

Our old friends, Capt. M. Eagar, Lieuts. Barlow, Ely, Tarr and Townsend, and the remainder of the hockey team of the 85th Foot, The 2nd K.S.L.I., were attached to us for ten days in March. We hope they enjoyed their stay with us, and congratulate them on their success in the Army hockey.

Lt.-Col. Luker has presented a very handsome case to contain the sash worn by General Wolfe. The case, which has a glass front, is made of oak and decorated with silver roses and the regimental crest of the period also in silver. The lining is of primrose velvet, against which the crimson sash, tastefully arranged, shows up extremely well.

Lt.-Col. Luker has also presented a medal case to contain the remainder of the Napoleonic relics.

A set of very interesting hand-painted pictures, showing the different dress worn in the Regiment at various periods back to 1688, has been presented to the Officers' Mess by several of the Officers, and hangs in the billiard-room.

We are sorry to lose C.S.M. Smith, V.C., D.C.M., who has gone to the Malay States ; C.Q.M.S. Channer to the 5th Bn. ; Fusrs. Taylor and Pixton, time-expired after 22 years' service ; Dmr. Callaghan, time-expired after 21 years' service ; Cpl. Mitchell to the Reserve after 7 years' service.

The following families have joined the Bn. : C.S.M. Shipwright and family, and Sgt. Taylor and family from the Depôt ; and Fus. Hogan and family from the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regt.

The Editor regrets that the following notes had not arrived in time for inclusion in this number—*viz.*, M.G. Letter and History, and the Corporals' Letter. The photographs of the cross-country team, M.G. platoon, and Nell, the Signallers' dog are held over for No. 3 *Gazette*.

Photographs and sketches for inclusion in No. 3 must reach this office not later than the 10th September. Articles, verse and Company letters not later than the 15th September. Copy received after the 15th will be retained for inclusion in No. 4 *Gazette*.

The Editor begs to acknowledge receipt of the following Journals :—*The Dovorian, The Iron Duke, Ca Ira, The Bugle,* and the *Minden Gazette.*

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May we again appeal to our readers to support the *Gallipoli Gazette* by dealing with the firms who advertise with us. Help the *Gazette* by obtaining advertisements. Fees may be obtained on application to the Sub-Editor.

CONGRATULATIONS.

Mrs. Page won the Ladies' Knock-out Golf Competition by 3 and 2; and the Regimental Team, consisting of Lt.-Col. Luker, Capt. Piggott, Lieut. Wood and 2nd-Lieut. Kenrick, won the Garrison Inter-Unit Team Championship.

Lieut. Wood and 2nd-Lieut. Kenrick were chosen to play for the Garrison against the Buffs' Golfing Society.

At cricket the following were chosen to play for the Garrison:—Lt.-Col. Spooner and Capts. Otway and Winterbottom, Cpl. Gould and Lce.-Cpl. Blythe.

Sgt. Day won the 880 yds. Kent Championship in the excellent time of 2 mins. 5 secs.

The Bn. relay team won the Open Relay Race at the Royal Marines Sports at Deal on 10th June.

Sgt. Daniels and Lce.-Cpl. Rorke were 1st and 2nd in the Open 440 yds. at the 3rd Bn. R.T.C.

The relay team won the One Mile Relay Race open to H.M. Forces at the N.A.A.F.I. Sports, Mitcham, 19th June.

The Bayonet Fighting Team won the Command Tournament. Fusrs. McIntyre and O'Callaghan were 1st and 2nd in the Individual Championships, and Fus. Gibbons got into the final pool.

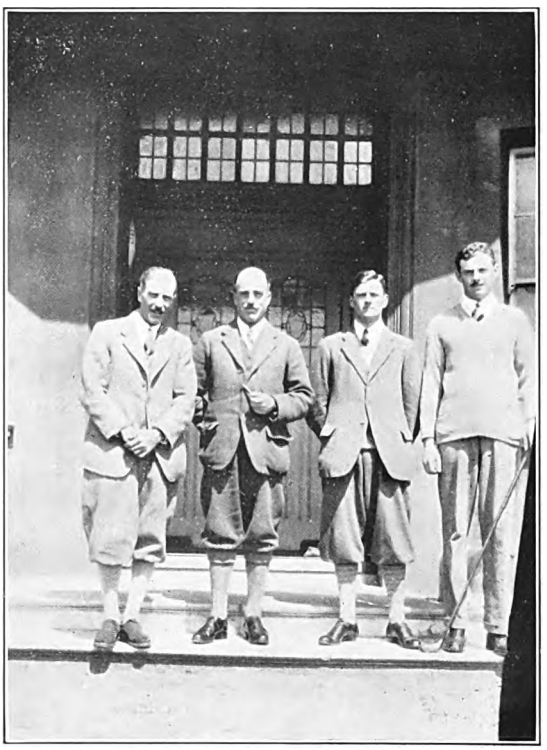
Cpl. Watts won the Imperial Services Welter-Weight Championships.

Fus. R. Jackson reached the semi-finals of the Army Billiards Championship. Although defeated, he put up a very good show.

To the parents concerned, on the happy events mentioned in our Births column.

In the first round of the Eastern Command Other Ranks Lawn Tennis Championship, the Bn. team, consisting of Mr. Miles, C.S.M. Shipwright, C.S.M. Harrington, and Sgt. Wall, beat the Royal Warwickshire Regtl. team.

At the East Kent Canine Society Show at Ashford, on 16th June, Capt. Blain's "Damsel of Dore" ("Pup") won two first prizes—a silver spoon and a Challenge Bowl for the best bull terrier in the Show.



THE BN. GOLF TEAM—WINNERS OF THE DOVER GARRISON UNIT TEAM COMPETITION.

Capt. T. B. C. Piggott, M.C., Lt.-Col. R. Luker, C.M.G., M.C., 2nd-Lieut. J. J. M. Kenrick, Lieut. C. W. Wood.

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GALLIPOLI DAY CELEBRATIONS.

Our Gallipoli celebrations this year commenced on the 23rd April, with Sports at 2.15 p.m. and Sergeants' Ball at 9 p.m. The original intention was to hold a parade at 11 a.m. and two minutes' silence, but the rain interfered with our arrangements and the parade was cancelled.

On Saturday, the 24th, 120 men proceeded to London by char-a-banc, to attend the Re-union Dinner of the Old Comrades' Association, at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate.

At 11 a.m. on Gallipoli Day, Sunday, 25th April, the Band and Silver Drums headed the procession of survivors of the 29th Division from the Horse Guards to the Cenotaph.

Major-General Cayley, C.M.G., D.S.O., an old Commander of the 29th, then deposited the Divisional wreath at the foot of the Cenotaph. Lt.-Col. Spooner, Lt.-Col. Luker, Major Tallents, Captains Page and Latter, Lieuts. Dodson and Lyne, and 180 men of the 1st Bn. took part in the parade.

Special Order of the Day.

(By Lt.-Col. A. H. Spooner, C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding 1st Bn. The Lancashire Fusiliers, Dover, 23rd April, 1926.)

"To-day we commemorate one of the most glorious feats of arms ever performed in the British Army, so glorious indeed as to place officers and men of The Lancashire Fusiliers who fought on 25th April, 1915, on a level with our honoured heroes who fought at Minden."

Only those who were in the Dardanelles can truly picture the gallant landing from small boats on a precipitous beach in face of a determined and well-posted enemy, strongly entrenched and protected by a network of barbed wire entanglements which extended to the water's edge and beyond.

The Regiment, which was on board H.M.S. *Euryalus*, came ashore in her boats, and was heavily fired upon while in the boats and while wading ashore through barbed wire entanglements.

In spite of these latter and of the terrible rifle and machine-gun fire, the Companies gained the beach and cleared the tops of the cliffs at the point of the bayonet. So gallant was the action of the Battalion on this beach, that the battle was at once given the title "Lancashire Landing," and will be known as such for ever.

So greatly did the Royal Navy admire the work of the Battalion on this day, that special messages were sent to us, and the officers and men of H.M.S. *Swiftsure* presented us with a magnificent trophy, now in the Officers' Mess and known as the "*Swiftsure* Cup."

General Sir Ian Hamilton, the Commander-in-Chief, referred to the landing as follows :—

"No finer feat of arms was ever performed by British or any other troops than that of the landing of The Lancashire Fusiliers at 'W' Beach."

The total party landing was 950 strong, and the casualties in the Bn. were :—

Killed or died of wounds	..	6 Officers, 183 Other Ranks
Wounded	.. ..	4 Officers, 279 Other Ranks
Missing	.. ..	61 Other Ranks

The immediate rewards were :—

V.C. (6) ..	Capt. Willis, Capt. Bromley, Sgt. Richards, Lce.-Cpl. Grimshaw, Pte. Keneally, Sgt. Stubbs.
D.S.O. (2)	Capt. G. E. Tallents, Capt. R. Howarth.
M.C. (2) ..	Lieut. H. Needham, Lieut. Seckham.
D.C.M. (1)	Sgt. Schofield.

The thoughts of all former officers and men still alive, are with us to-day, and they are confident that we of The Lancashire Fusiliers will at all times do our duty as nobly as those who fought in 1915 or 1759.

The following message was received from General D'Amade, who commanded the French troops at Gallipoli :—

"My dear Col. Spooner and Brothers-in-Arms,

"Please convey to the 1st Bn. Lancashire Fusiliers my sincere thanks for the telegram I received from Dover on April 25th.

"My thoughts are with your famous Battalion on this the 11th anniversary of their glorious achievement.

"D'Amade."

The anniversary of the Gallipoli landing was celebrated at many gatherings in London and elsewhere during the week-end. On

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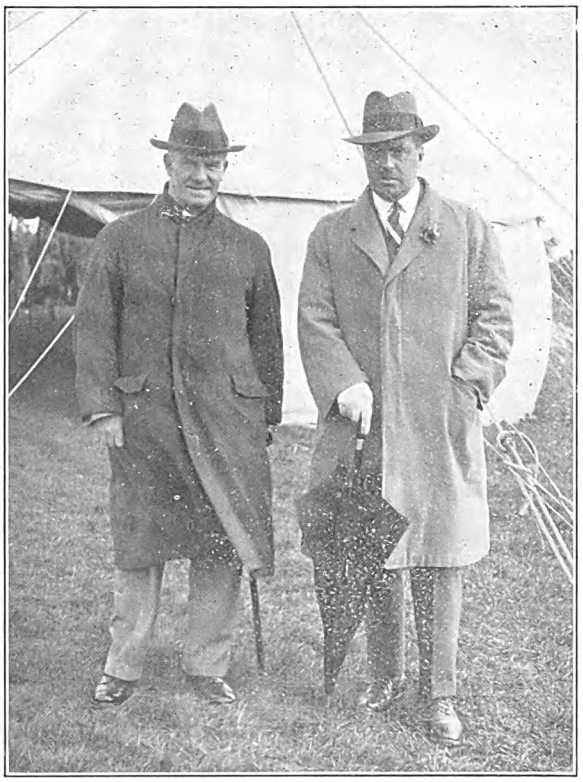
Sunday morning there was a muster of the incomparable 29th Division—to use the fine description given to it by General Sir Ian Hamilton, the Commander-in-Chief of the forces which took part in the great enterprise—and in the afternoon tribute was paid to those of the Anzac Forces who lost their lives.

Survivors of the 29th Division assembled on the Horse Guards Parade shortly before 11 o'clock, and nearly 1,500 men passed before the former Commander-in-Chief. The band of the 1st Bn. Lan. Fus. was in attendance and took up a position on the right of the front line. Lt.-Gen. Sir Aylmer Hunter-Weston, who commanded the Division at the time of the original landing in Gallipoli, was present to greet his old comrades, although he had received an injury which will necessitate an operation. Major-Gen. D. E. Cayley marched at the head of the representatives of Headquarters of the 29th Division and deposited the divisional wreath at the foot of the Cenotaph. Gen. Cayley commanded the Worcestershire Regt. at the landing in Gallipoli, and was subsequently promoted to the command of a brigade, and finally, towards the end of the war, to the command of the Division.

The representatives of the Division marched through the Horse Guards Arch and down Whitehall. They then wheeled round the Cenotaph and halted. On behalf of the Division, Major-Gen. Cayley deposited a wreath, and he was followed by the representatives of the various units. The column then re-formed and returned to the Horse Guards Parade, where the salute was taken by Sir Ian Hamilton, who was wearing the uniform of Colonel of the Gordon Highlanders.

Subsequently the gathering was addressed by Sir A. Hunter-Weston and Sir Ian Hamilton. The former greeted his comrades-in-arms and said that as representatives of their respective units they had done honour to those who had preceded them across the "Great Divide."



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"The Old and Bold."

Major R. R. Willis, V.C., and Sgt. A. Richards, V.C.

Sir Ian Hamilton said:—"Soldiers of the incomparable 29th Division, you stand here to-day in your proper place at the very heart of the British Empire. To the north is the Admiralty, to the south Downing Street and the Houses of Parliament, to the east the War Office, and to the west Buckingham Palace. Here look down upon you Roberts and Wolseley, bronze images of heroes, but in all their many wars they never saw a Division that had fought and suffered like this Division. Your first action was in open boats to cross the strip of glassy smooth water which lay between the transports and the enemy, who was there waiting behind two rows of barbed wire. You were shot to bits, but the survivors made good, and they made for ever a tradition for the 29th Division. Three times over on the Peninsula of

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Gallipoli the 29th Division was wiped clean off the slate of existence, and yet each successive lot who joined the colours carried on like the first lot. Because of that wonderful landing which took place 11 years ago the incomparable Division is an inspiration to the British race and will remain so as long as the English language is spoken."

28th May, 1926.

MY DEAR SPOONER,

On behalf of the 29th Division Association, I wish to express to you and to every member of your glorious Battalion our appreciation of your manifestation of the spirit of the 29th Division shown on Sunday, 25th April last.

We should be failing in our duty if we were not to recognise that it is our business to hand on to the younger generation the Spirit of Comradeship, the Spirit of Devotion to Duty, and the Spirit of Service for Others, all of which were so splendidly embodied in the spirit of the 29th Division. I rejoice that you and your Battalion have so completely grasped this idea, and are carrying it out so well in practice.

Your Band was of inestimable value to the Parade. I loved to see the silver drums, and I congratulate you most heartily on the turn-out both of the Band and of the Detachment.

Greetings to each man of the Detachment, and to your Battalion as a whole, from your Comrades of the 29th Division Association, and from

Your old Commander and Comrade,
AYLMER HUNTER-WESTON.

What the 29th had to contend with at the landing.

The German General Limon von Sanders, in his book "Five Years in Turkey," mentions that in the beginning of 1915 much intelligence regarding enemy intentions, movements of ships and transport of troops reached Constantinople from various quarters, "especially from Athens." The bombardment by the Allied Fleet of the old forts at Seddul Bahr and Kum Kale, on 19th and 25th February, and the landing of small parties of Marines, clearly indicated that an attempt to reach Constantinople by way of the Gallipoli Peninsula was to be attempted. On the 10th of March news reached Constantinople from Athens, Sofia and Bucharest, that a great expeditionary force directed at the Dardanelles was in preparation. "On the 17th March it was known that four English officers had arrived at the Piræus and purchased 42 lighters and 5 tugs."

On the 24th March, Limon von Sanders decided to form a special army, the 5th, for the defence of the Dardanelles. This army consisted of 4 divisions = 48,000 men, on the European or Gallipoli side; and 2 divisions on the Asiatic side. Limon von Sanders decided that three places were specially important and threatened: these were Seddul Bahr, Teke-Burnu, and Cape Helles, with the obvious objective of Achi-Baba. The fortification of these three places was commenced at once (25th March), the Turk thus having a clear month to prepare for us. The landings actually took place at the same places selected by Limon von Sanders. The Royal Fusiliers at "X" Beach (Teke-Burnu); the XX. at "W" Beach (Cape Helles sector); and the Royal Munster Fusiliers and Royal Dublin Fusiliers at "V" Beach (Seddul Bahr sector).

HISTORY OF THE REGIMENT.

Origin of the XX.

The people of England, being tired of the tyrannical proceedings of King James II., invited William, Prince of Orange, to be King in his stead. William landed, and on arrival at Exeter issued commissions to several gentlemen to raise regiments.

Sir Robert Peyton, whose commission as Colonel was dated 20th November, 1688, raised the XX. in the City of Exeter and its vicinity.

At various times in our history we have been a two or more battalion regiment.

In 1756 the XX. was augmented into two battalions, and remained so until 1758, when our 2nd Bn. was formed into a distinct regiment, which was numbered the 67th (now the Hampshire Regiment), and the Colonelcy was conferred on Lieut.-Col. James Wolfe, of the XX., by commission dated the 21st April, 1758.

In 1799 the Regiment proceeded to camp

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at Barham Downs, where it was divided into two battalions.

In 1802 the XX. was again reduced to one battalion.

In 1842 the XX. was ordered to be separated into two battalions—the six service companies abroad being termed the 1st Bn., and the Depôt, augmented by the two additional companies, being styled the Reserve Battalion.

In 1850 the 1st and Reserve Bns. amalgamated at Montreal. Another eight years elapsed, and in 1858 second battalions were added to the 24 regiments of the line after the 1st Royals. We remained a two-battalion regiment until 1898, when the 3rd Bn. was formed, and two years later the 4th Bn. was raised.

The XX. remained a four Regular battalion regiment until 1907, when the 3rd and 4th Bns. were disbanded.

Customs of the XX.

On 1st August, the anniversary of the Battle of Minden, all ranks wear roses in their caps, and the drummers decorate their drums with hundreds of roses. The story says that, as the six regiments of infantry advanced on the French cavalry, the soldiers picked roses and placed them in their head dresses and in the trappings of their drums.

Each year during dinner on Minden night, immediately after the toast "To those who fell at Minden," the Band, in single file, march once round the dining-room, playing the "Minden March." The Band, with the exception of the big drummer, leave the room. The drummer thumps his drum to call order, and then in a short speech relates our successes and failures of the past year, our hopes for the future, generally tells the officers the most surprising things about themselves and their doings, proposes the health of the company and then departs.

The next event is the blooding of the newly-joined officers. Each officer who is spending his first Minden Day in the Regiment has to stand up and eat a rose. Until he has done so, he is not recognised as a full blooded "Lancashire Fusilier," or to have in him the spirit of Kingsley's men.

Right up to the Crimean War all ranks of the XX. used always to wear a sprig of myrtle in their caps on the 4th July, the anniversary of the Battle of Maida. According to Cooper-King, the Field of Maida was covered with myrtle bushes, and the men of the XX. plucked sprigs and placed them in their caps.

Incidents from Our History.

On one occasion, in Calabria, 1806, the bugles sounded the alarm as the men of the XX. were bathing. The men rushed out of the water, threw on their accoutrements, and destitute of clothes faced the enemy.

The "Minden Yell" of the XX. was famous throughout the Peninsular War, and Kinglake, in his account of the Battle of Inkerman (Crimea) says: "After nearly a century from the day when their cry became famous, and forty years after the time when it last resounded in battle, these men of the XX. once more had delivered their old "Minden Yell."

Nicknames.

During the Seven Years' War the XX. earned the names of the "Minden Boys" and "Men of Kingsley's Stand."

In Holland, in 1799, whilst serving in General Don's Division, the men of the XX. were known as "The Old and Bold."

In Calabria, 1806, and the Corunna Campaign, 1808–9, the nickname of the Regiment was the "Two Tens," and in the 4th Division, from Vittoria to Toulouse, the nickname of "The Young Fusiliers" was jocularly bestowed on the Regiment. This was undoubtedly a compliment, for at that time the Regiment was composed of hardy old veterans—men who had fought in Holland 1799, Egypt 1801, Calabria 1806, Corunna 1808–9, Peninsula 1812, to Toulouse 1814.

Changes in Designation.

Up to the year 1782 the Regiment was known by the name of the Colonel who for the time commanded it, notwithstanding that the number was inscribed on the colours in gold Roman characters in 1751. In the year 1782 it was designated the XX., or East

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Devonshire Regt., the territorial appendage being conferred to assist the recruiting service and to strengthen the connection with the county which gave it birth. From the 1st July, 1881, the Regiment became the "Lancashire Fusiliers," but retained its place in the Army as the Twentieth Regiment.

Recruiting.

In 1754, Wolfe calculated that it would take the whole winter to replace a hundred men who had volunteered for service in America. Recruiting agents were therefore sent up North, and Lancashire began to supply men, a big batch joining at Wigan in 1757. In 1796, when the Regiment returned from the West Indies numbering less than fourscore men, recruiting in Exeter was a failure, and it was decided to carry out a recruiting march in Lancashire. In 1797–1798–99, Liverpool, Manchester and Preston were visited, 300 recruits joining at the last place.

In 1873 the regimental depôt was established at Bury, and from that date most of our recruits have been obtained from Bury and district.

Succession of Colonels.

1688 Colonel Sir Robert Peyton.
1689 Colonel Gustavus Hamilton.
1706 Colonel John Newton.
1714 Lieut.-General Thomas Meredith.
1719 Colonel William Egerton.
1732 Lieut.-Colonel Francis, Earl of Effingham.
1737 Lieut.-Colonel Richard St. George.
1740 Lieut.-Col. Alexander Rose.
1740 Lieut.-Col. Thomas Bligh.
1746 Colonel Lord George Sackville.
1749 Lieut.-Colonel George, Viscount Bury.
1755 Colonel Philip Honeywood.
1756 Colonel William Kingsley.
1769 Lieut.-Colonel Bernard Hale.
1773 Major-General The Honourable Lane Parker.
1782 Major-General William Wynyard.
1789 Major-General West Hyde.
1797 Major-General Charles Leigh.
1809 Lieut.-General Sir John Stuart, K.B., K.C., Count of Maida.
1815 Major-General Sir William Houstoun.
1842 Sir James Stevenson Barns, K.C.B.
1850 Major-General Sir A. Pilkington, K.C.B.
1853 Major-General Sir W. Chalmers, C.B.
1853 Major-General H. Goodwin, C.B.
1853 Major-General N. Thorn.
1854 Major-General H. Thomas, C.B.
1858 Major-General Marcus Beresford, C.B.
1876 General Sir Frederick Horn, K.C.B.—all regimental soldiering spent in the XX.
1894 General Sir W. P. Radcliffe, K.C.B.—all regimental soldiering spent in the XX.
1897 General Sir E. A. Holdich, K.C.B.
1909 Major-General W. D. S. Dickins, C.B.
1914 Major-General C. J. Blomfield, C.B., D.S.O.—all regimental soldiering spent in XX.
1926 Major-General G. H. B. Freeth, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.—all regimental soldiering spent in the XX.

In No. 3 issue of the *Gazette*, the Militia, Special Reserve Volunteer and Territorial Bns. will be described. The Sphinx, Laurel Wreath, Grenade, Motto (*Omnia audax*), Red Rose and Hackle, and how we obtained them, will be narrated.

DIARY AND CALENDAR OF REGIMENTAL HISTORY.

JULY.

1st 1690 Battle of the Boyne. First action of the XX.
1881 Title of XX. changed to "The Lancashire Fusiliers."
1916 Battle of the Somme commenced.
1926 Bisley. Bn. Teams competing.
2nd 1800 XX. land at Minorca from Ireland.
1926 A.A.A. Open Championships, Stamford Bridge. Bn. Team competing.
3rd 1806 XX. sailed from Messina to Maida.
1926 Cricket. 1st Team *v.* D.Y.R.M.S. Home.
4th 1806 Battle of Maida. Battle Honour on Colours.
5th 1806 Occupation of Maida.
1915 9th Bn. embarked at Devonport for Gallipoli.
6th 1777 Action at Hubbarton (America).
1916 11th Bn. attack on Ovillers.

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7th	1838	Colours presented to the XX. by the Duke of Wellington at the Tower of London.
	1915	Pilckem.
	1926	Cricket. 2nd Team *v.* Hodgkin's C.C. Home.
	1926	Inter-Services Athletic Championships.
8th	1852	Great Fire at Montreal. XX. highly commended for its exertion.
	1915	Pilckem.
	1926	Cricket. 1st Team *v.* 1st Bn. The K.O.Y.L.I. Crabble Ground, Dover.
10th	1926	Cricket. 2nd Team *v.* Dover College. Home.
11th	1838	XX. march from London to Manchester.
12th	1691	Battle of Aughrim (Ireland).
	1870	2nd Bn. arrived in Mauritius from South Africa.
14th	1749.	Establishment of Colony of Nova Scotia by Lieut.-Col. Hon. E. Cornwallis. XX. at Halifax.
	1915	10th Bn. landed in France.
	1864	Headquarters 2nd Bn. landed at Yokohama, Japan. The first Regiment of the modern Japanese Army were trained on the Parade Ground of the XX.
15th	1761	Battle of Kirch Denkern (Seven Years' War).
	1926	Cricket. 1st Team *v.* St. Lawrence C.C. Dover.
16th	1853	XX. landed at Southampton from Canada.
17th	1690	Commencement of 1st Siege of Athlone.
	1759	Advance on Minden.
	1854	XX. left Plymouth for Crimea.
19th	1857	XX. warned for service in Bengal.
	1926	Cricket. Garrison Cricket Week commences.
21st	1926	Eastern Command Inter-Unit Athletic Team Championships at Colchester.
22nd	1806	Surrender of Castle of Soylla (War with France).
	1926	Eastern Command Inter-Unit Athletic Team Championships at Colchester.
23rd	1900	Skirmish at Rooi Kopjes (Boer War).
24th	1801	XX. disembarked at Aboukir Bay.
	1863	Left Wing 2nd Bn. embarked at Portsmouth for India.
25th	1813	Battle of Roncesvalles (Peninsular).
26th	1809	XX. left England for Walcharen.
27th	1901	Skirmish at Reit River.
	1926	Army Inter-Unit Team Championship (Athletics) at Aldershot.
28th	1813	Battle of Sorauren (Peninsular).
	1926	Army Inter-Unit Team Championships (Athletics) at Aldershot.
	1926	Cricket. 1st Team *v.* W.O. School of Education. Home.
	1926	Cricket. 2nd Team *v.* W.O. School of Education. Shorncliffe.
	1926	12th Inf. Bde. Horse Show, Dover.
30th	1813	Skirmish at Vilate.
	1856	XX. Reviewed by Queen Victoria on return from Crimea.
31st	1915	Third Battle of Ypres. Lt.-Col. Best-Dunkley, 2/5th Bn. awarded the Victoria Cross.
	1760	Battle of Warburg (Seven Years' War).
	1926	Minden Day celebrations. Trooping the Colour.

AUGUST.

1st	1759	Battle of Minden. Battle Honour on Colours.
	1859	Presentation of Colours to 2nd Bn. by General Lord Seaton.
	1898	Presentation of Colours to 3rd Bn. by Lord Derby.
	1913	Presentation of Colours to 3rd (S.R.) Bn. at Barrow.
2nd	1813	Action at Echallar. Battle Honour on Colours. "Pyrennees."
3rd	1758	XX. landed at Embden to take part in the Seven Years' War.
4th	1799	2nd Bn. raised for second time.
	1858	Skirmish at Mohan (Indian Mutiny).
	1914	England declared war on Germany.
5th	1918	2nd Bn. Pacaut Wood.
6th	1843	Outbreak of Yellow Fever in XX. at Bermuda.
	1915	Suvla Bay and Krithia (Gallipoli). 1st, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th Bns. engaged.
7th	1854	XX. disembarked opposite Constantinople.
	1926	Cricket. 2nd Team *v.* Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, Shorncliffe.
8th	1857	XX. left England for India.
	1858	Action at Hussengunge.
9th	1902	Coronation of King Edward VII.
10th	1917	1st Bn. engaged in 3rd Battle of Ypres.
	1926	Cricket. 1st Team *v.* 1st Bn. Queen's Royal Regt. Away.
12th	1893	2nd Bn. on duty during Riots in Bombay.
	1926	12th Inf. Bde. Rifle Meeting.

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13th	1761	Skirmish at Reilen Kirchen.
	1926	12th Inf. Bde. Rifle Meeting.
14th	1900	Skirmish at Witpoort (Boer War).
	1926	Cricket. 1st Team *v.* Dover County School Old Students. Away.
16th	1917	9th Bn. attack at Steenbeck.
17th	1801	Action near Aboukir.
	1899	1st Bn. left England for Malta.
18th	1808	XX. landed from England at Peniche to take part in Peninsular War.
	1926	Cricket. 2nd Team *v.* Hodgkin's C.C. Away.
	1926	Cricket. 1st Team v. W.O. School of Education. Shorncliffe.
19th	1872	1st Bn. on duty during Riots in Belfast.
20th	1919	New Colours presented to 2nd Bn. by Lieut.-Gen. Sir Ivor Maxse, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O.
21st	1808	Battle of Vimiera. Battle Honour on Colours.
	1914	2nd Bn. embarked at Southampton for France.
	1915	9th Bn. engaged at Hetman Char (Gallipoli).
	1918	5th, 7th and 8th Bns. attack near Serre. Sgt. E. Smith, 5th Bn. awarded the Victoria Cross.
23rd	1855	Sortie from Sebastopol.
	1914	2nd Bn. disembarked at Boulogne.
24th	1814	Battle of Blandensburg (War with U.S.A.). British troops commanded by General Ross (late XX.)
25th	1691	Commencement of 2nd Siege of Limerick.
	1756	2nd Bn. raised for the first time.
	1799	XX. left England for Holland.
	1801	Attack on Fort des Bains (Egypt).
26th	1702	Attack on Cadiz (War of Spanish Succession).
	1898	3rd (Regular) Bn. left England for Malta.
	1914	2nd Bn. in action in France.
	1916	17th Bn. in action at Angle Wood.
27th	1690	Commencement of 1st Siege of Limerick.
	1702	Surrender of Port Catalina (War of Spanish Succession).
28th	1799	XX. disembarked at Helder (Holland).
	1926	Cricket. 2nd Team *v.* Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. Home.
29th	1901	Skirmish at Carolina.
31st	1813	Storming and capture of San Sebastian (Peninsular).

SEPTEMBER.

1st	1855	Attack on trenches before Sebastopol.
	1903	Colours presented to 4th (Regular) Bn. by H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught.
	1926	Cricket. 1st Team *v.* Dover C.C., at Crabble.
2nd	1898	Battle of Khartoum. Battle Honour on Colours.
4th	1898	3rd Bn. arrived in Malta from England.
	1915	12th Bn. landed at Boulogne.
	1918	1st Bn. engaged in Capture of Ploegsteert.
5th	1760	Attack on Ziremberg.
	1759	Capture of Marpurg (Seven Years' War).
6th	1899	2nd Bn. left Malta for England.
	1917	5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Bns. in 3rd Battle of Ypres.
	1919	Old Colours 2nd Bn. presented on 1st August, 1859, placed in the Parish Church, Bury.
7th	1809	XX. left Walcharen for England.
	1914	End of Mons Retreat.
8th	1855	Storming of the Redan.
9th	1855	XX. present at the 6th and last bombardment of Sebastopol.
	1914	2nd Bn. crossed the Marne.
	1916	2/5th Bn. made attack on Delville Wood.
10th	1799	Battle of Krabbendam (War with France).
	1914	5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Bns. embarked for Egypt.
11th	1763	Skirmish at Staten (Seven Years' War).
	1926	Cricket. 1st Team *v.* Dover County School Old Students' C.C. Away.
12th	1814	Death of General Rose at Baltimore.
13th	1759	Death of General Wolfe (XX.) on Plain of Abraham, Quebec.
	1914	Battle of the Aisne.
14th	1852	Death of the Duke of Wellington.
	1854	XX. landed in Crimea.
	1899	2nd Bn. arrived in England from Malta.
	1916	12th Bn. in action at Mocukovo.
15th	1691	Attack on Limerick.
16th	1809	XX. disembarked at Harwich on return from Walcharen.
19th	1777	Battle of Freeman's Farm (America).
20th	1854	Alma. Battle Honour on Colours.
	1917	2/5th Bn. engaged in third Battle of Ypres.

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21st	1762	Action at Amoneburg (Seven Years' War).
	1881	2nd Bn. left Queenstown for Bombay.
22nd	1691	Assault on Limerick.
24th	1879	Four Companies 2nd Bn. left Plymouth for Jersey.
25th	1808	XX. take possession of Fort la Lippe (Peninsular).
26th	1901	Defence of Forts Itala (Boer War).
	1916	9th Bn. attack on Mouquet Farm.
27th	1841	XX. embarked at Cork for Bermuda.
	1918	5th, 7th and 8th Bns. in action. Hindenburg Line broken.
28th	1918	1st Bn. engaged in fourth Battle of Ypres.
29th	1916	11th Bn. made attack on Schwaben Redoubt.
30th	1841	Headquarters XX. left Cork for Bermuda.

BAYONET FENCING.

This year we have added considerably to our bayonet fencing successes. We have been unfortunate in losing Cpl. Barrington, Lce.-Cpl. Livesley and Lce.-Cpl. Whittingham from our team, but owing to the keenness which has been shown in the inter-company competitions we were easily able to fill their places.

We did a certain amount of practice before leaving Tidworth and settled down to serious work very soon after reaching Dover. Our first fight as a team was against the Royal Marines Depôt, Deal, on 23rd February. This resulted in a win for the Lan. Fus. by 10 fights to 8 in the first round, and the same result in the second. We had a return match at Connaught Barracks, Dover, on 25th February, when we lost the first bout by 10 fights to 8, and won the second by 11 fights to 7.

This was a very good start, as the Royal Marines have the best team in this district.

In the first round of the Eastern Command Bronze Medal Tournament we were drawn to fight the Queen's Royal Regt., on the 31st March. We trained hard for three weeks, and the team was certainly fit physically and were fighting very well in their practices. So we went up to the Guston Gymnasium with plenty of confidence on the fatal day. Lce.-Cpl. White was the first to fight, and he lived up to his reputation of being a very cool fighter and won fairly easily. After this we started with the Officers and went down the list in order; the following seven fights were very disappointing, our team fighting much below form, the officers, sergeants and corporals being distinctly poor. The score on starting with the young soldiers was 6 fights all, our position not looking too happy. Our under 2 years' service men, however, were in great form, winning five fights running, thus winning the match by 11 fights to 7, and qualifying our team to compete at Woolwich.

After a few more days' training we went to Woolwich, on Wednesday, 7th April, for the two days of the Tournament. On the afternoon of the first day the individual Bayonet *v.* Bayonet contests were decided in the Royal Academy gymnasium. Lieuts. Wood, Leamy and 2nd-Lieut. A. G. Ames were entered in the Officers' pool; Lce.-Cpl. Gibbon, Fus. McIntyre and Fus. O'Callaghan in the Other Ranks pool. Lieut. Wood got into the final pool for the Officers; all the Other Ranks were likewise successful. In the Other Ranks pool 7 were left in, in all, 3 of which were Lancashire Fusiliers. On the fight off, Fus. McIntyre was first, Fus. O'Callaghan second. Both these men were at their best, their win being a great credit to them as they were up against the pick of the Eastern Command. Lce.-Cpl. Gibbon was a bit off colour, and did not add to his success at Tidworth when he won the Bronze Medal.

The following morning the Regimental team was drawn to fight the R.E. team from Chatham, on the Square of the Royal Academy. Once again we started off badly, both Officers, Sgt. Wootton and Cpl. Joughin losing their fights. After this we only lost one more fight in the whole bout, thus winning by 13–5.

The team as a whole showed better form than we had seen before.

After a rest of about an hour we met the Royal Warwickshire Regt. in the final. This time our team fought better than ever; Lieut. Leamy and 2nd-Lieut. Ames both won their fights, which were good ones. Sgt. Wootton was unlucky, but was only just beaten after a good fight, as also was Cpl. Joughin. The result of the bout was a win for the Lan. Fus. by 11 fights to 5, Fus. O'Callaghan and Lce.-Cpl. Thomas did not fight as the bout was already won.

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We have now won the Southern Command Bronze Medal Tournament twice and the Eastern Command once in the last three years. This is the third year in succession that the Battalion has represented our Command at Olympia, and let us hope that this year we will win at Olympia, and thus reach the height of our ambition.

Since returning from Woolwich we have had two fixtures with the Royal Marines, the first on 27th April at Dover, we won by 10 fights to 8; the second at Deal resulted in a draw of 9 all, the team leader, Lieut. Wood, having to fight off, with the result that we won.

The following is a list of the team which represented the Bn. in the Bronze Medal Tournament, with individual results :—

	The Queen's Royal Regt.	R.E.'s.	Royal Warwicks.
Lt. Wood ..	no fight	no fight	no fight
Lt. R. G. Ames	lost	—	—
Lt. R. S. Leamy	lost	lost	won
2-Lt. A. G. Ames	Reserve	lost	won
Sgt. Wootton ..	won	lost	lost
Sgt. Grimme ..	lost	won	won
Cpl. O'Neale ..	lost	won	won
Cpl. Joughin ..	won	lost	lost
Over 2 Years			
L/c. Gibbon ..	lost	won	won
Fus. McIntyre	won	won	won
Fus. O'Callaghan	won	won	no fight
L/c. Isard ..	won	won	won
L/c. Thomas ..	lost	won	no fight
Fus. McGregor	won	won	lost
Reserve—			
L/c. Martin ..	reserve	reserve	reserve
L/c. Walker ..	reserve	—	—
Under 2 Years			
L/c. White ..	won	won	lost
L/c. Twigden ..	won	lost	won
Fus. Maccabe ..	won	won	won
L/c. Cuffe ..	won	won	won
Fus. Kelly ..	won	won	won
Reserve—			
Fus. Wright	reserve	won	lost
Fus. Baggott	lost	reserve	reserve

The reserves will fight off for places during the first week of July.

This year we hope to fight off our company competitions on the league system, points to count for Lawrence Cup. In this way we hope to find new blood, as we will need six more Lce.-Corporals or Fusiliers of under two years' service for 1927.

We are badly in need of support from the senior N.C.O.'s of the Bn., as we have no reserves for Sergeants—it is hoped that some of the younger members of the Sergeants' Mess will volunteer to take up bayonet fencing after Olympia is finished this year. It is an excellent way of spending an otherwise extremely dull evening in the winter months.

We have to thank the Royal Marines for the many friendly bouts we have had with them. They have helped considerably in bringing our team up to its present high standard.

HUNTING NOTES.

The season was brought to an end with three Point-to-Point Race meetings, in each of which the Bn. was represented by Capt. Blain's "Templemore" and Mr. Lyne's "Battling Butler."

At the West Street Harriers meeting, on 31st March, they were entered in the Dover Garrison Race, and ran well, but had the misfortune to miss a flag at the turn for home, and run out of the course, which put them out of the race. This was bad luck, as they were leading the field at the time, both horses pulling hard and each rider confident of winning.

Their next outing was at the East Kent Point-to-Point meeting at Smeeth, on 5th April, in the adjacent Hunts Race. Here they were up against some real good horses, over a very nice course containing some twenty-five jumps, including the Smeeth brook. Both horses got round without a mistake, and "Battling Butler" was only just beaten into 2nd place in an exciting finish with the first three horses in a bunch together. "Templemore" came 4th, with his saddle slipped back almost on to his quarters.

In the Shorncliffe Drag Races at Postling, on 10th April, these two horses ran in the Nomination Race but were unplaced. The course was an unnatural one from a hunting point of view, which was amply proved by the great number of refusals in every race. "Templemore" and "Battling Butler" both fell, but were re-mounted and finished the course.

This brought to an end our first hunting season at Dover.

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XX. MINDEN CLUB.

The Regimental Dinner was held on Tuesday, 15th June, at the Victoria Hotel, Northumberland Avenue. Our new Colonel, Major-Gen. G. H. B. Freeth, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., took the chair for the first time. Forty-six members of the Club were present, and two or three who had fully intended to be there were prevented from doing so owing to circumstances beyond their control. Major G. E. Capel Cure proposed the health of our new Colonel in a very short speech, and he as briefly replied. Most members remained until a late hour, and all voted the dinner a great success. The grateful thanks of all are due to General Wade for his untiring efforts to make the dinner a success. All members serving at home are going to make special efforts to attend next year's dinner.

The following members were present :— Major-Gen. G. H. B. Freeth, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Colonel of the Regt. ; Lt.-Gen. Sir R. H. K. Butler, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., etc. ; Major-Gen. G. J. Farmar, C.B., C.M.G. ; Bdr.-Gen. C. M. Brunker, C.M.G., D.S.O. ; Bdr.-Gen. C. J. Griffin, C.M.G., D.S.O. ; Bdr.-Gen. E. C. Tidswell, C.B., D.S.O. ; Bdr.-Gen. T. H. Wade, D.S.O. ; Bdr.-Gen. O. C. Wolley-Dod, C.B., D.S.O. ; Col. R. W. Deane, C.B.E. ; Col. C. de Putron ; Col. T. Humphreys, C.M.G., D.S.O. ; Col. H. B. Toller, C.M.G. ; Col. J. M. Young, C.M.G., D.S.O. ; Lt.-Col. S. F. Charles ; Lt.-Col. R. Luker, C.M.G., M.C. ; Lt.-Col. O. North, D.S.O. ; Lt.-Col. L. L. R. Samson, C.M.G. ; Lt.-Col. A. H. Spooner, C.M.G., D.S.O. ; Lt.-Col. R. S. Wilson ; Lt.-Col. G. B. G. Wood, D.S.O. ; Major A. Braithwaite ; Major G. E. Capel-Cure ; Major J. A. Davenport ; Major R. Haworth, M.V.O., D.S.O. ; Major G. H. Madeley ; Major L. B. L. Seckham, M.C. ; Major T. Slingsby, M.C. ; Major B. Smyth, M.V.O., O.B.E. ; Major G. E. Tallents, D.S.O. ; Major R. M. Watson, D.S.O. ; Capt. R. McL. Armitage ; Capt. F. W. Cox, M.C. ; Capt. J. K. C. Cross ; Capt. V. F. S. Hawkins, M.C. ; Capt. H. C. Lonsdale ; Capt. A. D. Macdonald, M.C. ; Capt. H. F. Otway, M.C. ; Capt. T. B. C. Piggott, M.C. ; Capt. W. J. Rowley, Capt. V. Timmis, Lieut. H. M. Dodson, Lieut. W. Bruxner-Randall, Lieut. N. O. Hill, Lieut. R. S. Leamy.

OLD COMRADES NOTES.

The London Depot.

68, Oxberry Avenue,
Fulham, S.W. 6.
7th June, 1926.

To the Editor of "Gallipoli Gazette."

Dear Mr. Editor,

We trust that you will grant us of your valuable space for the insertion of this letter. Your *Gazette* was introduced to us after the Gallipoli Day Celebrations here in London, and we wish most heartily to congratulate the producers of a most workmanlike periodical.

Regarding the Celebrations above mentioned, we wish to say no more than that the Bn. played up splendidly (in more senses than one), and that we civilians were more than proud to be once more "amongst it," and following the Band and Drums of the best Regiment in the British Army. As regards future occasions, we intend to be there until the origin of the celebrations is forgotten, which is, I think, "nuff said."

We wish to bring to the notice of your readers the fact that we have a small band of devoted ex-Fusiliers who collect in the vicinity of Walham Green, Fulham, at an Inn bearing the patriotic title of "The Britannia" (near Chelsea Football Ground), and meet there every Friday evening, and most Sundays (after Church ?). A hearty welcome awaits all ex- and serving XX. Fusiliers who may be passing that way, to drop in and inquire for us.

"Connecting File."
(M. Phillips.)

Horsfield Barracks,
Bristol,
15th June, 1926.

Dear Sir,

I beg to forward herewith an old photograph of the Colour Party of 20th East Devon Regt., taken outside the Officers' Mess at Horfield Barracks, Bristol.

My father served in the 20th East Devon Regt. from 1852 to 1864, and was discharged from Portsmouth on arrival of the Bn. from Dinapore, India, his No. and name being : No. 4581 Pte. W. Watkins, "E" Company, 1/20th Regiment.

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I am of opinion that the photograph was taken in the late 'Sixties or early 'Seventies, as the Buffs were stationed here from 1878 to 1880, since when it has been the Regimental Depôt of the Gloucestershire Regt.

If the photo is of any interest will you kindly acknowledge receipt.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
W. J. WATKINS, *Capt.*,
Depôt, The Gloucestershire Regt.

(P.S.—This photograph settles a long-standing argument about the Drum Major's staff, at present in our Officers' Mess. We appreciate the kindness of Capt. W. J. Watkins, The Gloucestershire Regt.)

THE 1ST BN. XX. COLOUR PARTY TAKEN AT HORFIELD BARRACKS, BRISTOL, 1869.

THE WANDERINGS OF THE CHILDREN OF LANFUS.

Being a continuance of the afore-mentioned people's moans.

12. And it came to pass that the time arrived for the Children of the Lanfus to endeavour to snatch their "tannah" per diem from the Keepah of the Treasury, and there commenced much "indiscriminate snapping." (?)

13. And it became known after the tribes of Ack and Beer had finished, that there was much weeping and gnashing of teeth.

14. For a new record doomsday book had been written by the scribes and "far-sees," in which the solemn ceremony commenced with kneeling down.

15. And the tribes did not like it—being wise in their age—as their knees were as yet sore with weeding around their dwellings.

16. Many shekels had been lost; and a wise old soldiah among them—one Jordon of the River—did say, "Ha! is it not written "the last shall be first,' and the firsts shall be thirds?"

17. And the tribes did commune among themselves, saying one to another, "How many wantest thou for first class, Brother?" And invariably the answer (spoken *sotto voce*) was, "Brother, I require the lot to escape third and perdition."

18. And the children of Cork and Don did smile and guffaw, and there was much nodding of heads and clandestine whispering in corners.

19. But disaster overtook them, as it always does the vain-glorious, and they did fare no better, for they too had deserted the

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house of the god " Bull," and had communed with " Outah " and " Miss " in their pagoda " Windup."

20. And it became known that even the Great Glaxo and the Sermajahs did become alsorans, and did bury their cross catapults.

21. And one, a Keepah of the Children's Horses, was observed to be wearing spurs for the first time, and it was noticed that he, contrary to the rites of the ceremony, did sit down.

22. But many were consoled, for had they not the quick-firer with which they would say to the Chancellah, Stay ! stay ! ! thou shalt not steal my few groates. I will e'en yet snatch them from thee.

23. And let it be known that many did ; and for those that did not it must be said that the tempests o'ercame them, and they were swallowed in a wind of their own creation.

24. And the opinion of the Leut-Kol and all his children is that the whole hole of Fanhole should be thrown to the lions or to suffer extermination in the fire.

H.H.H.

DANCE NOTES.

The Gallipoli Ball.

The annual Gallipoli Ball—our first in Dover—given by the W.O.'s, S/Sgts., and Sergeants, was held on the 23rd of April. Invitations were sent to every old Officer and comrade whose whereabouts were known to us.

All Officers and Sergeants in the Garrison were invited, as were also our civilian friends, the total number of guests present being round about 300—of these 120 were Officers.

The capacity of the Institute where the Ball was held was over-taxed, the floor space only allowing for 75 couples to be dancing at the same time. It came as an awful shock to find two persons sitting out to each one who was dancing. About 450 persons attended, and of these 350 sat down to supper. Owing to the limited means at our disposal, the Ball was not up to our Tidworth standard, but we hope and trust that everyone spent a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

In addition to the Officers and ladies of the Battalion, the following distinguished guests were present :—Mrs. Hankey (Col.-Cmdt. E. B. Hankey, D.S.O., was unfortunately unable to be present, owing to indisposition) ; Col. R. B. Skinner, O.B.E. ; Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Clarke, and a good number of Officers of The Queen's Royal Regt. ; Major Hon. W. Fraser, D.S.O., M.C. (Bde.-Major 12th Inf. Bde.) and Mrs. Fraser ; Rev. G. W. Grady, Rev. W. P. Williams, B.A., and many Officers of the K.O.Y.L.I.

The following Old Comrades of the Regt. attended :—Major R. R. Willis, V.C., Mr. A. Richards, V.C., and Capt. W. Appleby. We were pleased to welcome the following, who are residing in Dover :—The Misses Ganly, daughters of Major W. Wrench Ganly, Mr. (late Lieut.) and Mrs. Bruton, Mr. (late Sgt.) and Mrs. Judd, Mr. (late Sgt.) and Mrs. Curran.

Corporals' Dances.

The Corporals held their first Dance in Dover on the 26th March, 1926, the large dining hall being used. The decoration of the hall was carried out very well indeed, and great credit is due to the committee and those who tendered their help.

Invitations were sent out to all Officers, W.O.'s and Sergeants of the Regt., the Officers, W.O.'s and Staff of the D.Y.R.M.S., and all the Corporals' Messes in the Garrison.

Among those present were Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Spooner, Lt.-Col. Luker, Major and Mrs. Tallents and members of the Officers' and Sergeants' Messes. Dancing was from 8 p.m. to 1.30 a.m., with a break for refreshments at 10 p.m. The catering was admirably carried out by the N.A.A.F.I. The Dance was very well organised, and reflects great credit on all concerned.

Another Dance was held on the 16th April, 1926, and like the previous one was very successful, over 200 guests attending.

Battalion Dances.

Our weekly Dances, from 8 to 11 p.m., held on Wednesday nights, have caught on and are just as popular with our civilian friends from Dover and district as they are with the troops.

The great thing in these short Dances is the possession of an Orchestra that plays good dance music with plenty of variety, and I must say that the Orchestra, under the

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able conductorship of Cpl. Freeman, is in great measure responsible for the popularity of our Dances.

The Fox-trot " Collegiate " is all the rage at the moment, but the " Novelty " Fox-trot in which the ladies change partners promises to be more popular.

Our thanks are due to Sgt. Morris, Cpl. Mitchell (now in civil life), Cpl. Maxwell and Lce.-Cpl. Johnson, for performing the duties of M.C.

Next winter, commencing in October, we hope to hold Fancy Dress Dances once per month, and we are sure the P.R.I. will provide the necessary prizes.

SUTHERLANDSHIRE TOWARDS THE END OF SEPTEMBER.

Three guests are sitting in the smoking-room of the Lodge after dinner, when the host enters with the orders for the following day. The forest is divided into three beats, to each of which a rifle is allotted for the following day, the odd man out being at liberty to do what he likes, which usually consists of taking a boy carrying a game bag, lunch and a trout rod, and shooting one's way to one of the neighbouring lochs, fishing, and shooting one's way back in the evening. This can be done without disturbing any part of the forest.

In the orders, the writer is allotted the far beat, which entails a fairly early start, as there is a journey of 7 miles to be done in an old dog-cart with a farm horse between the shafts, over a very rough track before reaching the bothy[1] where the stalker will be waiting. So early to bed.

The morning starts beautifully fine, with no sign of that bugbear of the stalker—mist on the hill. After a good breakfast, most of which was procured by the gun or the rod, the dog-cart comes round and we are packed in with a ghillie driving—but first of all be careful that nothing is left behind. Cases have occurred of gentlemen arriving at their destination many miles away, and finding that they had forgotten their cartridges. It is the stalker's duty to see that nothing is left behind, but this time we have to meet him at the bothy, so must look after things ourselves.

[1] Bothy = hut or cottage.

After a slow journey, much of it at a walk, through the glen, we arrived at the bothy, where the stalker, Cameron, with two ghillies and a pony with a deer saddle, were awaiting us.

After a short conversation in Gaelic between the stalker and the ghillies (such conversations are a little awkward when one has missed a stag), we are ready to start.

I ask the stalker for the plan of campaign, and he tells me that the wind is just right for a big corrie where there are plenty of deer.

As a precaution he takes out his glass and looks over the long, steep hillside up which we must go, but there is nothing on it except two hinds well out of the way on the right. After a climb of over an hour up the hill, in the following order—Stalker with rifle and telescope, self with walking-stick and telescope, 2 ghillies with pony, the latter keeping its feet in a wonderful way on the steep tracks—we at length come to near the skyline, where the procession stops and the pony is allowed to graze.

The stalker and I worm our way forward, taking great care not to show ourselves on the skyline, till we get into a position from which we can " glass " the corrie.[2]

There is no doubt about the number of deer in it. We are looking down from a col, and before us the corrie stretches for about 3 miles and at the bottom can be seen a river running across the bottom at right angles. About ¾ mile down the corrie, on the left is a large jumble of steep rocks and screes,[3] just above which half-a-dozen good stags are lying. The wind is blowing from left to right, so we cannot make a detour to the left and get above them, and we cannot go upwind at them as we should have to give our wind to the other deer, which would cause a general stampede.

To our right there are three quite good stags about a mile away, and the stalker says that one of these is quite shootable.

There is a lot of broken ground between us and them, so we have to go warily, and also keep out of sight as much as possible from the deer on the left of the corrie.

Difficulties begin at once. There is a steep grassy slope, about 20 yards deep, which we

[2] Corrie = a depression or valley flanked by hills.

[3] Scree = heaps of stones, earth, etc.

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have to get across in view of the deer. The stalker goes down first, lying flat on his back and propelling himself forward with his elbows, while I do the same with my feet nearly touching his head.

We were nearly down when a hind [4] above us to the right suddenly looked up, and we froze. After a good stare she began feeding again, and we reached the bottom of the slope without mishap.

From here the slope continued downwards at a steeper angle, and gradually raising our heads we looked into the bottom of the small valley. Here we saw two hinds, one with a calf lying down not more than 30 yards away. There was nothing to do but wait till they got up, as we were in such a position that we could not possibly move away without alarming the deer.

After a long wait of about ¾ hour, the hinds showed no sign of moving, and the stags showed signs of feeding over the hill into the sanctuary, where, of course, they could not be touched. (Every forest has a sanctuary, into which no human being goes from year end to year end.) The stalker said that the only thing was to "move" them. This has to be very carefully done, as if alarmed they would stampede and take all the other deer out of the corrie.

He carefully raised the end of the telescope above the small ridge in front of us and moved it slowly backwards and forwards. He had hardly begun to do so when one of the hinds jumped up and stared in our direction, and the telescope was immediately lowered. Then the other hind jumped up and both started to walk away, and eventually disappeared into dead ground in the main valley.

We had to hurry to forestall the deer, who were feeding away from us. On our way we came across another valley running down into the main one and which was full of deer, among which was a good 11 pointer, but his head was not quite clear of velvet so was not, of course, shootable.

This was an unpleasant situation, but there was just a chance of getting round by the right through a mass of wet peat haggs.[5] We had successfully crawled on our stomachs half way when up got a ptarmigan and flew straight over the deer, causing an immediate stampede of the whole lot into the main valley.

On we went, as fast as possible, the coast now being clear, but with little hope of seeing any more deer in the corrie. On coming to the next ridge we saw, to our great surprise, that our original three stags were still in the same place. The stampeded deer must have passed below them and out of sight, but they were obviously alarmed and ready to be off at any moment.

The last stag was on the right, about 200 yards away, and standing facing half away, a very awkward position, as if you aimed for the shoulder you would probably go in front of him and if a bit too far back you would commit the unpardonable sin of "haunching" him. The stalker already had the rifle out of the cover and pushed it into my hands, saying "Tak him noo, you'll never get another chance at him."

(*To be continued.*)

[4] Hind = female of the stag.

[5] Hag = broken ground in a moss or bog.

SERGEANTS' MESS LETTER.

All members vote the first edition of our *Gallipoli Gazette* was a great success.

We have now become accustomed to the Dover weather and its town life, and have already made many new friends.

Since our last letter we have had several more Whist Drives, and though not as well attended as we would like, they were nevertheless thoroughly enjoyed by all present on each occasion.

Our return soccer fixture, Married Members *v.* Single, was played on the Regimental Ground on the 7th of April, and resulted in a win for the Old Married Crocks by 5 goals to 3. The Single Members admitted that they cannot possibly hope to beat the Married Squad. There is something special in the dieting and training that gives the Old Crocks an unfair advantage. To give the youngsters a chance, it is probable the Rugby matches will be substituted for Soccer during the 1926–7 season.

Several members of the Mess attended the O.C.A. Dinner at the Manchester Hotel, London, on Saturday, the 24th April, 1926, renewing friendship with old comrades of many years ago. Many present spoke of their membership as Sergeants in '86, '90,

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'95, 1900—a few years before some of the present members were born.

We are sorry to lose the following members from the Mess, who are for tours of duty in various places.

C.S.M. E. Smith, V.C., D.C.M., is bound for the Malay States, where he will join an old comrade in Douglas Fairbanks, *alias* Victor Charles Froud, D.C.M., M.M. (He of the Rubber Goods). A/C.S.M. Channer, has proceeded to Bury for a tour of duty with our 5th Bn. He will meet a few old friends at the Depôt.

C.S.M. Shipwright and Sgt. Gardiner have rejoined the Bn. after a few years' tour of duty with the 5th Bn., where they had a very pleasant time indeed. A/C.S.M. Thomas has rejoined us from the Depôt after an absence of two and a half years. Sgt. Wall, after his usual cruise to all parts of the Globe for the benefit of his health, has rejoined us for summer duty ; unfortunately, the weather has not proved very favourable for him. We hope all the afore-mentioned members will soon settle down and become accustomed to their old surroundings once more.

Our annual Sergeants' Shoot took place in conjunction with the Regimental Rifle Meeting and went off quite well.

C.Q.M.S. Johnson won the Sergeants' Shooting Cup, just beating the holder, R.Q.M.S. J. Laverick, on the post. The competition for the Wooden Spoon proved far keener than last year, and resulted in a win for "Old Bill" Gardiner, closely followed by Titch Critchley.

In the first round of the Other Ranks Army Lawn Tennis Championship we were drawn against The Royal Warwickshire Regiment "A" Team Other Ranks, at Shorncliffe, on Friday, 11th June.

We did not anticipate a win, for none of our team had touched a racquet until Tuesday evening, the 8th June, and then only had practice on a gymnasium floor for three nights (5.30 to 7 p.m.). However, our team not only won, but had a great victory by beating their opponents quite comfortably, and received the heartiest congratulations of all ranks of the Bn.

Our old veteran, Mr. E. N. Miles, despite 35 years' service, played up like a youngster and was the talk of the place.

The remaining members of the team, C.S.M.'s B. Shipwright, H. Harrington, and Sgt. H. Wall, all did exceptionally well and won their games rather easily.

Results as follows :—

Doubles.	(*a*)	Won 6—0 ; 6—1.
	(*b*)	Lost, 6—2 ; 6—4.
Singles.	(*a*)	Won, 6—3 ; 6—2.
	(*b*)	Won, 6—0 ; 6—0.

Points.—1st Lan. Fus. 42
1st Royal Warwicks .. 18

With the use of proper tennis courts we are hoping that our team will manage to reach if not win the final of the Other Ranks Lawn Tennis Army Championship.

SIGNALS' LETTER.

The Signal section is at present up to the eyes in its Annual Classification Tests, and knowledge which has taken months of swotting to acquire is now being laid, gingerly but hopefully at the feet of "His Majesty" the Classifying Officer.

For weeks past Signallers who should have been locked in the arms of Morpheus, have been supplementing the usual nocturnal snores by vague and incoherent jabberings, such as "Switch A to send and receive." One has only to stay awake at night to glean all sorts of helpful information.

During the day our Instructors are being plied with questions which would make the lot of a compiler of an encyclopedia seem exceedingly small. Never once have they faltered under the strain, and our anxious queries have been answered cheerfully and promptly.

Whilst we were waiting to face the music, on the first day, we were hailed by a cheery greeting from our late Signalling Officer, Mr. Gordon. (Shades of Tidworth and ninety-nine point eight ! !)

Nellie, our prize pup, stood by us during our "field tests," and contributed her share to classification by seeing that our vision was not obstructed by such things as frogs, field mice or "civvies," and with true doggedness showed us the way to "keep our tails up" !

We have made a fairly good start in the Lawrence Cup competition by notching a few points out of the athletic meeting, which all goes to prove that, even if slowly, we are nearing the time when we shall be inviting tenders for large quantities of Goddard's plate powder (Cups, for the cleaning of).

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We hear that our late Signalling Sergeant, Higgs, is doing very well in civilian life, and again wish him the best of luck and success.

We crave the Editor's pardon for the scantiness of this letter, owing to the limited time at our disposal, and make the usual excuse of "more next time."

"KNOCK-OUT."

BAND NOTES.

Congratulations to the Editor and the Staff for giving us such a bright and entertaining No. 1. With such a glorious send-off we shall need to sneeze to clear our brains, before sending our contributions. Copies were sent to all ex-members of the Band with whom we are all in touch.

Here are some of their comments:—

Ex-Cpl. Fairclough says: "Excellent Magazine, worthy of the old Corps, and don't forget my address when next issue is published."

Ex-Lce.-Cpl. Prior says: "As full of wit as currants in a Christmas pudding."

Ex-Bdmn., now P.C. Akers, says: "Many thanks for Magazine of mirth. Trust the XX. to make a success of anything they undertake. It must be the sea air."

Ex-Bdmn. Cavanagh says: "Thanks. Who are the budding Ashley Sternes? I laughed until my tummy wobbled." (All who know him will agree. Some wobble!)

Ex-Bdmn. Fowler (touring with Harry Day's review, "Designs"): "Fine Mag. Even made our comedian laugh."

Ex-Bdmn. White and Taylor: "Sat and chuckled until 4 a.m. Landlady charged extra for gas, 6d. Am saving 6d. for next edition."

Ex-Bdmn. Halford says: "Read it in train, going to business. Forgot to change. Late—but worth it."

Ex-Bdmn. Whatling says: "As good a tonic as a free Whatney."

Ex-Bdmn. Dunkerley's "Ha! ha! ha!" (in a deep voice) will be heard in Manchester in two months' time."

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Since the last and first issue of this bright and intelligent Journal, I am pleased to say that the Band have again carried off the Regtl. Hockey Shield. Of course, this was a foregone conclusion. The Band have held this particular trophy so long that the members of the aforesaid institution are seriously thinking of offering it to "D" Co. in exchange for the Lawrence Cup, as it is only fair that they should have some idea of what the Shield does look like before they leave the Service.

Sergeant Balme has been officiating as a/C.Q.M.S. of "D" Co, since the departure of C.Q.M.S. Channer to the P.S.T.A. "D" Co. are warned that this is only a temporary arrangement pending the appointment of a C.Q.M.S.

Sgt. Balme's 26 years' experience of army life and of band life in particular being of more value to the young bandsmen than to shiny "D."

Now that the Engagement Season is in full swing, the Marriage Market is officially declared open. Any person interested can obtain "long odds" against those members of the Band who have survived two or more seasons. Bigamy being a crime, "Doubles" cannot be accepted.

We have played a few games of cricket during the last week or so. One match, in which we played against the Swingate Club (apparently a one family team), we were completely swamped, the score being 216 against 41. In another match, against the Band 1st K.O.Y.L.I. Regt., the Bandmaster carried his bat right through, much to the admiration of the opposing team.

In the return match with the Swingate Club we were 30 for none, when the game had to be abandoned. Their score being 110 all out, we stood a good chance of winning, and it is much to be regretted that the game could not be finished.

CROCHETS AND QUAVERS.

Over There.

An Old Contemptible writes to say that perhaps THEY might have won the war, but there are three things they can never win—namely, The Ashes, The Lawrence Cup, and The Sergeants' Mess Wooden Spoon.

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We beg to state that we are under an entirely new internal management pro tem. Band-Sgt. Wall has graciously given us permission to carry on our hockey lessons to all comers. (N.B.—These lessons were started during the reign of William I., now C.Q.M.S. of shiny "D" Co.)

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Applications for the loan of music, etc., in future to be made to our new Librarian, Instrumentalist Shaw.

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Reply to a correspondent (J. P. Long): I am afraid you are mistaken; the opera "Carmen" was *not* written by Carter Patterson.

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Who was the Drummer that put a brick in the collection bag for the Chaplain-General's Building Fund?

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We suggest that the N.A.A.F.I. should instal an electric (1d. in the slot) piano in the Supper-room. Perhaps then we could have two suppers per week in silence.

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It is rumoured that Match 3 of the Battalion Rifle Meeting will not be fired until the end of September. The object, we believe, is to give the Cross-Channel swimmers a sporting chance.

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Is it true that "D" Co. intend sending some of their sportsmen overseas this next trooper?

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A movement is afoot amongst the ex-Bandsmen to present the Bn. with a Hockey Cup. Their objection to the present Shield is that one cannot drink from a "Bread Board." Trust the Devils to look after their own.

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The most pathetic sight seen at Epsom during Derby Week was the Scotchman chasing round the ring trying to back Coronach. He couldn't find a bookie with a wooden leg.

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Congratulations to Bdm. and Mrs. Hipperson on the birth of a daughter. If there is anything at all in heredity some poor man will have to run "some"!

"ABERDEEN."

In these Hard Times.

We are but little band boys meek,
We only get two bob per week,
What can we do to make ends meet?
Sit by the fire and warm our feet.

BY U.S.

THE DRUMS LETTER.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

All ranks of the "Drums" join in congratulating the Editorial Staff of the *Gallipoli Gazette* on the great success which attended their initial publication, and wish them every success in the future.

Everyone is now quite settled in Dover. Weeding is being carried out with the same "dash" as in Tidworth, weapon training completed, and we are now in the hands of the Company Training professors.

At weapon-training, although our average is a little below that of last year, the "Drums" obtained a 1st Classs average both on the Rifle and Lewis Gun. Below is given a list of prizewinners at the Regimental Weapon Training Meeting held at Fanhole Range on 26th, 27th and 28th May:—

Match I.

Class B.—Dmr. Robinson, 10/-; Dmr. (98) Schofield, 3/-; Dmr. McGaughran, 1/6.

Match II.

Class A.—Dmr. (71) Schofield, £1.
Class B.—Dmr. McGaughran, 3/-; Dmr. Robinson, 1/6.
Class C.—Dmr. Fearnley, 10/-; Dmr. Edmonson, 5/-; Dmr. Cavanagh, 3/-.

Match IV.

4th place—9 Drummer representatives.

Match V.

3rd place—Dmr. Webster and Dmr. (71) Schofield, 6/-.

4th place—Lce.-Cpl. Critchley and Dmr. (98) Schofield, 4/-.

6th place—Dmr. Riggs and Dmr. Geoghegan, 3/-.

Match VI.

3rd place—9 Drummer representatives.

Match VII.

3rd place—5 Drummer representatives.

Match VIII.

2nd place—Capt. Page, Lce.-Cpl. Critchley, Dmr. Schofield, 7/-.

Following our Regimental Sports, on 23rd April, the "Drums" went *en bloc* to the O.C.A. Dinner, where a jolly evening was spent amongst old comrades of the Regiment.

We were accommodated with the Welch Guards at Chelsea, where we found every-

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thing in readiness. We cannot speak too highly of the way in which we were received and the admirable arrangements made for our comfort during our short stay with them.

On Gallipoli Day we headed the parade of the 29th Division from the Horse Guards Parade to the Cenotaph. Our Silver Memorial Drums were greatly admired by the crowds who flocked to the Horse Guards Parade after the ceremony.

Sport has been going apace since our arrival in Dover. Our representatives in Battalion and Company sport have all done extremely well.

Dmrs. Wootton and McMahon both reached the finals in their respective weights at the 12th Infantry Brigade Boxing Meeting, and Dmr. Jackson (Individual Billiards Champion, 4th Division) put up a very creditable show in his match for the Command Championship. Our "Drums" training has been devoted almost entirely to march practice. We are hoping to return to programme work on completion of Company Training.

The "Drums" beat "Retreat" twice weekly in barracks in full dress. Spectators on these occasions are, I'm afraid, very few, so Drmrs. Geoghegan and McGaughran are able to carry out their flourishing performance without once giving a too inquisitive spectator "one up."

Even "Glad Eye" is able to pay strict attention to his part, and is consequently able to twitter up on top "G" without turning a hair (or an eye). This must be seen to be believed, so trot along in your hundreds to watch us. In accordance with promises made in Tidworth, most of the Drummers are now fairly well versed in local topography.

Some are able to find their way to Barracks in total darkness from Chalky Lane. Others still require the assistance of local guides on journeys to and from Buckland, but I understand they are making satisfactory progress.

During the period under review the following changes in personnel have taken place :—

Corporal Mitchell left us in April for civilian life, after being seven years with the "Drums." We all wish him the very best of luck and success in his new sphere of life. His presence is very sorely missed among the Drummers. "Queenie" Callaghan also left us in April, on completion of 22 years. His absence from us is also very keenly felt. Our wash-house hasn't looked the same since he handed over his little brown tin. The best of luck to him, and may he never "go short of one."

Dmr. Gregg joined us from "B" Co. He is helping to swell the volume of 1st flute players.

TRANSPORT LETTER.

The Transport section has had a particularly busy time of late, what with the Rifle Meeting, Strike Duty, and range work every day, the poor old mokes and the men have been hard at it from morning till night.

To make matters worse, it has rained day in and day out, so hard and continuously that Barney's coat began to show signs of rust.

Lieut. Slattery, after years of Transport work, has gone to duty, and is now Acting Staff Captain at Brigade H.Q.

The C.R.E. paid a surprise visit the other day, and condemned the stables. We understand that the work on the new stables is to commence forthwith. This means, I suppose, that the new stables will be ready for the incoming unit—about three years hence.

All the animals are fit and in good condition, with the exception of Peter and Kitty. Peter received a nasty kick on the forearm, and when out at exercise slipped and came down on the hard road. Kitty has a swollen hock—a recurrence of her old complaint.

Evidently the new Transport Officer and Barney are going to be great friends. It was noticed, the other day, that the forage did not seem to go quite as far as it should do, so it was decided to store the forage in a lock-up loose box. The following morning the O.-i/c. Transport entered the stables and was greeted with an icy stare from Barney, who then gave vent to his feelings by letting out a loud "hee-haw!" Barney was, no doubt, the guilty one.

The whole of our draught animals and four chargers proceed to the Bustard, Salisbury Plain, with the M.G. Platoon, and three days after their return is the Bde. Horse Show. This is very bad luck indeed, as our animals are just beginning to look well.

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Three days is hardly sufficient to work on animals and wagons, and put those necessary touches to them which mean the difference between a win and second place.

However, where there's a will, there's a way, and all ranks are determined to put up a good show.

Don Co.'s charger has been likened unto a camel. The dromedary has one hump and the common camel two humps. A horse, on the other hand, is supposed to be devoid of humps, yet three distinct humps have been discovered on the back of this noble quadruped of Don Co. As Hector remarked, the other day, " It's enough to give one the hump."

(P.S.—Cordery stoutly denies that he ever used feed tins to stand on when grooming.)

" A " COMPANY'S LETTER.

Although we are satisfied with this station of the " Mists," a sneaking regard still lingers amongst the majority for Tidworth's rolling downs, irrespective of the " gals " here, and " there's something in the seaside air."

On the whole, the Co. shooting, both rifle and Lewis gun, came up to expectations, although waiting to see the results of your Group enthusiasm had departed. The new Part IV., starting with kneeling, tends to give a shaky knee, helped by the Dover winds, thereby the 50 % score.

Our intention to win the " Appleby " Cup, although a slight mishap occurred in the earlier competitions, came off, " B " Co. giving us a jolly fine run, a competitive spirit *par excellence*.

Many of our best sportsmen went overseas last trooper, but we managed to compete in nearly every event for the Co. Championships. This was due to the keenness of a few old hands and a few triers, unexposed talent, and future Regtl. team men, we hope. Our thanks for points, although weakly represented, are due to them.

The Co. Cricket League is fully ours to date, and we are anticipating taking on some hot-stuff before the season closes, preferably Hobbs or Tate class. Mayhap our next endeavour will be a good soccer and hockey team for the coming season, hoping to conclude that period just as successfully.

Few changes have taken place, but our V.C. is lost to the ladies of Penang, with tears and sobs from Dover.

We welcome our new C.S.M., Thomas, to the Co., and hope that he will be as comfortable and happy with us as he was at the Depôt.

Sgt. Tim Kelly spent a week-end with us whilst draft conducting from the Depôt. Needless to say, we were very pleased to see him and to hear that our old Quarter-bloke, C.Q.M.S. Dan Filkins, and family were in the best of health.

" I TINK."

" B " COMPANY'S LETTER.

Hullo ! everybody. " Beer Ko." calling.

The Lawrence Cup Tournament for the Season 1925–26 ended, as expected, in another win for Don Co.

We hasten to congratulate them on their very fine win. Their best effort, after the cross-country run, was the winning of the Rugby Cup.

We gave them a good game in the Soccer League, and were very unlucky to lose by more than one goal.

In the Athletic Sports, on the 23rd April, we did not do quite as well as we expected. " C " Co. managed to win the Athletic Cup. Well done, the " All Star Co." !

About fifty of our men attended the Old Comrades Dinner in London, on the 24th April, and on the 25th (Gallipoli Day) marched in the procession to the Cenotaph.

That awful trial of the soldier-man, the fight for proficiency pay, took place on Fanhole range in the merry month of May. The course is much harder than the old one, and very few got the coveted cross-guns. even Dan could not raise a smile at the end of the third day.

In the rifle meeting we managed to get second place to " A " Co. in the " Appleby " Cup aggregate, only losing by one point. This we consider a very stout effort, and offer our congrats to " A " Co. At the presentation of prizes anyone would have thought that only " Beer Ko." had been competing, it was one long procession of our men : Lieuts. Gordon and Wood, C.Q.M.S. Johnson, Sgts. Challoner and Dodson, Cpls. Bleasedaile and

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Thomas, Fusrs. Clancy, Vizard, Huish, Foster and many others receiving prizes, a description of which no doubt appears in the Weapon Training Notes. Sgt. Gardner, on being presented with the Wooden Spoon remarked that, "He would rather have the Spoon than the Lawrence Cup." Since the rifle meeting we have been busy practising for the 1st Army Cup and other A.R.A. non-central matches.

In the First League cricket we have not done too well, but hope to notch a few points with our 2nd team. Fusrs. Evans and Hull are back with us after a short stay in India, and report that our old friends are doing very well out there. That hoary old joke, giving a man a pair of smoked spectacles to wear, caused great fun—for some. It appears that the canteen was just about to close after the mid-day issue, and one Fusilier who had imbibed over freely was persuaded to wear the spectacles. Whether it was the sun, or the beer, or both, we don't know, but the fellow rushed down to the guard-room to answer his name, thinking "Lights out" had gone. However, the commander of the guard, being a good sort, chased him away.

All those sportsmen we sent out last trooper are doing well, several of them playing for the 2nd Bn. at soccer and rugger.

No. 26 Foster is again in hospital, with another attack of pleurisy. We hope he will make a speedy recovery.

All ranks of "Beer Ko." congratulate the many competitors who shot so well for the Company at the rifle meeting; and Lieut. Wood and "Beer Ko." representatives on their fine win in the command bayonet-fencing tournament.

"Beer Ko." closing down. Good-bye, everybody.

"BEER KO."

"C" COMPANY'S LETTER.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

All ranks of "C" Co. tender their heartiest congratulations to yourself and staff for the magnificent and munificent (price considered) first number of the Bn. Journal. May it ever be thus.

Re our last letter, first paragraph, for "winter" read "summer," and *vice versa*, for such seems the case. However, at the end of the winter season we bucked up considerably. We managed to "snaffle" the Athletic Cup, with a few points to spare, from H.Q. 2 and 3. The Bn. Relay Cup also came our way for the third year in succession.

While on the subject, we are very sorry to lose Sgt. Day, but of course "the exigencies of the Service," etc. We can only conclude that he was transferred to H.Q. to make up for their "full rugger team," that was transferred to us. We feel awfully annoyed at not receiving those two ludo players referred to in the last number. We feel sure that they must be indispensable to the Depôt; we shall still continue to look out for them, however.

We have played two cricket matches up to the present. We managed to whack H.Q. 2 and 3 by 34 runs. It is whispered, however, that we did it by "whacking" their captain. Such is not the case.

Of course, "A" Co., after having several lectures on cricket, trounced us severely. There must be something in theory after all.

Congratulations to "D" Co. on winning the Athletics Meetings—they just "pipped" us. We also congratulate our O.C. for the "Pups'" performance in winning a Challenge Bowl and two first prizes at the Ashford Dog Show.

We were very pleased to see Fus. Hill, of the 2nd Bn. (late of "C" Co.) mentioned in the *Minden Gazette*; it seems that he has developed into quite a good runner, having got 2nd place in the Cross-Country and 2nd in the Mile, both events in the Bn. We shall still continue to show a lively interest in the performance of any late member of "C" Co.

Sgt. Taylor and family have joined us since the publication of the last *Gazette*. We sincerely hope they are comfortably settled and happy by now.

It was with sorrow that we saw Lieut. Slattery abandon soldiering for the Staff (temporarily). As we hear he gets plenty of extra work but no extra pay, we can only imagine him sighing, "Oh! ambition. Where leadest thou me?"

In conclusion, we wish the very best of luck to the teams about to proceed to Bisley.

"SEE-KO."

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"D" COMPANY'S LETTER.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

In spite of strikes, thunderbolts and winds, mild, fresh and strong, "Don" Co. are still keeping their tails up. The last season has been a most successful one for us, as we won the Lawrence Cup for the fourth year running. We also managed to pull off the Rugger, Soccer, Cross-Country Running, and Bayonet Fencing Cups, and got 2nd in the hockey and 3rd in both cricket and athletics. This was due to the excellent team work of the whole Company. We don't want to shout too much about it, but it's a good record. We hope that the other Companies will follow suit this season with the same enthusiasm as they have shown in copying our "Flower Show" in front of our block.

Everyone is very sorry to lose C.Q.M.S. Channer, who has gone to the 5th Bn.—no one more so than I am, 'cos he was our literary expert and sent our last letter in.

Another loss to the Co. is "Jack" Taylor, who has been with the Company since we reformed at Blackdown. One misses his shouts of "Orderly men, 'D'" nearly as much as the encouraging shouts from the touch line of every match we played. He was a great help in the Company, and as a small token all ranks presented him with a clock, which ought to help him in civilian life to get there before they close.

Our Co. Commander, Major Tallents, has quite recovered from his operation, and is back with us again.

We welcome Capt. T. B. C. Piggott, M.C., to the Company; with his able assistance "Don" Co. may be playing the Australians soon.

During the strike we did our bit. Sixty of the Company being out on duty. If it hadn't been for them, the strike would probably still be on. O/c. of one post sent in for the Company flag to put up on his camp, but the C.S.M. was afraid to sent it out in case people would think from its brilliant red the camp was a "Bolshie" one. No. 13 Platoon were lucky in having a wireless set, the property of Sgt. Wootten, which brightened life considerably, and it was a fine sight to see the guard mounting to the strains of the Savoy Havana Band; most of the platoon are now wireless experts.

A large number of the Company attended the Old Comrades' Dinner, and the Parade of the 29th Division the next day. They met many old Lancashire Fusiliers who are all doing very well in civilian life.

We wish our Bn. Bayonet Fencing team, and also the individuals, the best of luck at Olympia.

Before closing we must congratulate "C" Co. on winning the Athletic Cup, and "A" Co. on their fine performance in the Bn. Rifle Meeting.

"EYE-WASH."

WEAPON TRAINING NOTES.

Up to the present things are not shaping very favourably. It must be the new course. Starting with the two worst practices—*i.e.*, kneeling and snapshooting—if one gets a bad score it is inclined to be disheartening. Never mind, boys, keep at it, and we may pull off some of the A.R.A. Competitions.

Revolver shooting is progressing favourably, and if the companies can only keep up the shooting they have been doing on the Miniature, when they come to fire ball there is no reason why we should not lift the Connaught Cup. H.Q. Co. has done exceptionally well. Some of the troops are quite bucked now they can use a revolver. One has had his photograph taken as Tom Mix. The Mass Efficiency Match is for all armed with the revolver, and is an Inter-Company Competition. The winning company are awarded the following:—

Three A.R.A. Badges to be awarded as follows:—

(*a*) Highest score—Officers, W.O.'s and Staff Sergeants.
(*b*) Highest score—Sergeants and Corporals.
(*c*) Highest score—Lce.-Corporals and Fusiliers.

Besides this the Weapon Training Officer is forking out to the extent of a first prize of £1, a second of 10s., and a third of 5s., so it is worth having a go at. Of course the money prizes are offered to the best shots in the Battalion, not the best company.

Miniature Range shooting is still carrying on daily for the men whose names were entered by their Company to take part in the Kent County Rifle Association Competitions. This necessitates the use of aperture

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sights and slings, and needs plenty of practice. We are up against some first-class clubs with years of experience at this type of shooting, so don't forget *practice makes perfect*. We want to put up a good show. So trot up and pink the pool-bull. There is yet time to get into one of the four teams if we find anyone shooting better than those already in. There is a K.C.R.A. Bronze Cross to be shot off for later.

Congratulations to Capt. T. Blain, M.C., for being chosen to represent Kent in their match against the Small Arms School. To make the second highest score for the Kent side, at his first attempt on an open range with aperture sights, was indeed meritorious. The Kent team won.

Battalion Weapon Training Meeting.

The Battalion Weapon Training Meeting of the 1st Bn. Lan. Fus. was carried out on the Fanhole Range on 26th, 27th and 28th May. The weather was good for the first and second days' shooting, also for the morning of the third day, but a heavy fog made it impossible to fire on the afternoon of the third day and Individual Match III. had to be abandoned. As a result of this, the individual "Grand Aggregates" were awarded on Matches I. and II.

The shooting throughout was very good, and the matches were keenly contested. The final placings in both individual and team matches were very close.

Placings of first three in the individual matches and grand aggregates are as follows:

INDIVIDUAL MATCHES.

Class A.—Match I.: 1, Lieut. E. A. Gordon ("B" Co.); 2, Lieut. W. H. Lees ("D" Co.); 3, C.Q.M.S. C. Johnson ("B" Co.). Match II.: 1, Dmr. Scholefield (H.Q. Co.); 2, Fus. Johnson, 645 ("B" Co.) and Sgt. Dodson ("B" Co.), tie.

Class B.—Match I.: 1, Lce.-Cpl. Milward ("A" Co.); 2, Lce.-Cpl. Heap (H.Q. Co.) and Bdmn. Worrall (H.Q.), tie. Match II.: 1, Lce.-Cpl. Slack ("B" Co.); 2, Dmr. Robinson (H.Q.); 3, Bdmn. Saunders (H.Q.) and Lce.-Cpl. Makin ("D" Co.).

Class C.—Match I.: 1, Fus. Heaton (H.Q.); 2, Fus. Kelly ("D" Co.) and Fus. Wiggins ("D" Co.), tie. Match II.: 1, Fus. Wright ("C" Co.); 2, Dmr. Fearnley (H.Q.); 3, Dmr. Edmundson (H.Q.).

GRAND AGGREGATES.

Group I. (*Officers*).—1, Lieut. E. A. Gordon ("B" Co.) (cash prize, Regimental silver medal, silver challenge bowl and "Awdry" Challenge Cup); 2, Lieut. W. H. Lees.

Group II. (*W.O.'s and Sergeants*).—1, C.Q.M.S. Johnson ("B" Co.) (cash prize and Regimental silver medal); 2, R.Q.M.S. J. Laverick, D.C.M. (H.Q.); 3, Sgt. Manktelow (H.Q.).

Group III. (*Corporals and Lance-Corporals*).—1, Lce.-Cpl. Bleasdale ("B" Co.) (cash prize and Regimental silver medal); 2, Lce.-Cpl. Melchior ("C" Co.); 3, Cpl. Crossley ("D" Co.) and Lce.-Cpl. Milward ("A").

Group IV. (*Fusiliers*).—1, Fus. Jones, 77 ("C" Co.) (cash prize and Regimental silver medal), and Fus. Lord ("D" Co.), tie; 2, Fus. Vizard ("B" Co.).

Group V.—Class C (*Young Soldiers*).—1, Fus. Heaton (H.Q.) (cash prize and Regimental silver medal); 2, Fus. Huish ("B" Co.) and Fus. Wiggins ("D" Co.), tie.

ALL CLASSES CHAMPIONSHIP.

Lieut. E. A. Gordon ("B" Co.) (Regimental gold medal).

LIGHT AUTOMATIC PAIRS.

Match V.—Class X.: 1, Sgt. Dodson and Sgt. Challoner ("B" Co.); 2, Lieut. F. Franks, M.C., and Sgt. Grimm[illegible] ("A" Co.). Class Y: 1, Fus. Vizard and Fus. Clancy ("B" Co.); 2, Lce.-Cpl. Thomas and Lce.-Cpl. Slack ("B" Co.); 3, Dmr. Scholefield and Dmr. Webster (H.Q.).

The result of the team matches are as follows:—

Match IV.—Conditions as for 1st Army Cup, A.R.A, 1926 Handbook.—1, "B" Co.; 2, "D" Co.; 3, "C" Co.; 4, "A" Co.; 5, H.Q. 1 and 4; 6, H.Q. 2 and 3.

Match VI.—Conditions as for Company Shield, A.R.A., 1926 Handbook.—1, "A" Co.; 2, "B" Co.; 3, H.Q. 1 and 4; 4, "C" Co.; 5, "D" Co.; 6, H.Q. 2 and 3.

Match VII.—Conditions as for Young Soldiers, A.R.A. 1926 Handbook.—1, "A" Co.; 2, "B" Co.; 3, H.Q. 2 and 3; 4, H.Q. 1 and 4; 5, "D" Co.; 6, "C" Co.

Match VIII.—Conditions as for "Hopton" Cup, A.R.A. 1926 Handbook.—1, "A" Co.; 2, H.Q. 1 and 4; 3, "B" Co.; 4, "C" Co.; 5, H.Q. 2 and 3; 6, "D" Co.

In matches IV., VI., VII. and VIII. points

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towards the " Appleby " Cup and the award of " Best Shooting Company " were allotted as follows :—1, 5 points ; 2, 4 points ; 3, 3 points ; 4, 2 points ; 5, 1 point.

Points obtained at the meeting towards the award of " Best Shooting Company " :—

Company.	Matches.					Order of Merit.
	4	6	7	8	Total	
" A "	2	5	5	5	17	1st
" B "	5	4	4	3	16	2nd
H.Q. 1 and 4 ..	1	3	2	4	10	3rd
" C "	3	2	–	2	7	4th
" D "	4	1	1	–	6	5th
H.Q. 2 and 3 ..	–	–	3	1	4	6th

The " Appleby " Cup, which was awarded for the best aggregate of matches 4, 6, 7 and 8 was won by " A " Co.

The prizes were presented at the conclusion of the meeting by Lieut.-Col. A. H. Spooner, C.M.G., D.S.O.

The butt markers for the meeting were provided by the 1st Bn. of the Bedfs. and Herts. Regt., and they carried through this intricate programme with the thoroughness and precision one expects to find at the Bisley Rifle Meeting.

The Sergeants' annual shoot was carried out in conjunction with the above, and resulted as follows :—

Match I. : 1, C.Q.M.S. Johnson (" B " Co.) ; 2, Sgt. Willats (" D " Co.) ; 3, R.Q.M.S. Laverick, D.C.M. (H.Q.). *Match II.* : 1, Sgt. Dodson (" B " Co.) ; 2, C.Q.M.S. Johnson (" B " Co.) ; 3, C.Q.M.S. Austin (H.Q.).

Grand Aggregate : 1, C.Q.M.S. Johnson (challenge bowl) ; 2, R.Q.M.S. Laverick, D.C.M. ; 3, Sgt. Manktelow.

Keen competition prevailed throughout, especially for the Wooden Spoon, which was eventually won by Sgt. Gardener, of " B " Co., an old warrior from the 5th Bn. Staff.

Congratulations to " A " Co. for winning the " Appleby " Cup ; to " B " Co. for giving them such a splendid fight ; and to Lieut. E. A. Gordon for winning the Championship Gold Medal.

A team of six proceeded to Sheerness for the Kent County Rifle Association Open Meeting. Although this was open to all the cracks of Kent, we managed to get the following mentioned in the prize list, to whom we offer our heartiest congratulations :—

Lieut. F. Franks, M.C.
Lieut. E. A. Gordon.
R.Q.M.S. J. Laverick, D.C.M.

THE BATTLEFIELDS OF MONS AND LE CATEAU IN 1926.

The Tour.

In March of this year a party of Officers of the Eastern Command spent four days in France visiting the scene of the first battles of the Great War in which the British Army took part.

Two Officers of the Regiment were of the party, and this is a record of their experiences.

The Journey.

We crossed from Dover to Calais in the *Maid of Kent*, and started our run through the flat country of Northern France in the train that was to take us through Lille to Valenciennes, our headquarters for the tour. Almost at once we were in the war atmosphere, which is almost forgotten in England but which will always be the heritage of all English soldiers travelling in France.

The railway ran through the old line which held so many memories for all on the train, and the names of the stations—Hazebrouk, Armentieres, etc.—let loose those floodgates of reminiscence for which the old soldier is justly feared by his unwarred juniors. Actually such is the industry of the French peasant, that marks of battle were hard to find. Here and there a shell-scarred factory reared its gaunt skeleton among red post-war houses, and for a belt of some ten miles no tree grew, except those weedy and newly-planted saplings reminiscent of the borders of Tidworth barrack paths.

Lille, for so long the headquarters of a German Army, bore no scars of its long occupation, and it was hard to imagine the presence of the man in grey in its gay cafes and squares.

The Programme.

Arrived in Valenciennes, we quartered ourselves in a mushroom hotel in the Grand Place, and our programme was explained to us.

It is not proposed here to attempt a treatise on Mons or Le Cateau, the official history gives an admirably clear and detailed account for those who wish to read of the battles as a whole.

A sketch will be made of the methods of explanation and exploration adopted on the tour, and some episodes of the battles of

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possible interest and value to regimental soldiers will be mentioned.

The general plan for each syndicate (there were two) was to spend two days on the Mons battlefield and two at Le Cateau. A senior officer was in charge of each syndicate, who travelled by motor char-a-banc, and he would lead us to some salient point in the line and there describe the operations as far as they could be seen from each point. A general discussion would then follow, and an attempt to extract lessons for the future from the trials of the past would be made.

The Battle of Mons.

The outstanding impression made after two days in and around Mons was one of wonder that the British Army was ever able to take up any sort of a line of battle on such ground, and then that it was ever able to extricate itself. The whole of the ground behind our centre and left was a densely-populated industrial and mining area, dominated by enormous slag heaps and cut up by houses, rows of tenements, factories, railways, wire fences and ditches. The I. and II. Corps, in fact, were called upon to fight in a close and blind country, such as no army had yet been called upon to fight in against a civilised enemy in a great campaign.

It follows that even under peace conditions no bird's-eye view of the battlefield was obtainable, and the lessons to be learnt were from the individual actions of units and the positions they took up. We saw the position occupied by the 8th Brigade on the right of the line, the 4th Middlesex in the Mons Salient, and the 1st R.W.K. on the Conde Canal. In all cases the positions chosen were good, and the troops had little difficulty in beating off the enemy on their immediate fronts. The danger was from infiltration in the close country, at which the Germans even in 1914 showed themselves adept, and by the time the retirement was ordered the enemy had penetrated deeply into the ranges of houses and slag heaps about Poturages in the centre of our line.

A remarkable instance of the delaying power of a small but determined detachment was shown us as Lock 5 on the canal where a cavalry subaltern with his troops held up a German regiment for 4 hours in their attempt to cross the canal.

(To be continued.)

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

April 23rd, the day set aside for our individual championships, burst upon us with torrents of rain. The parade was cancelled, and it was doubtful up to 1.30 p.m. whether we would be able to hold the Sports.

However, at 2 p.m. the sun made its appearance for a time, to be followed by a cold wind which made it very unpleasant for competitors and spectators. The programme finished practically up to time. Mrs. Spooner then presented the Cups, Shields and individual prizes. About 200 guests assembled in the Officers' enclosure and 100 in the Sergeants' enclosure, and were entertained to tea in the various Messes. We were very pleased to see Col. Gideon, Major R. R. Willis, V.C., and Sgt. A. Richards, V.C., and the many old officers and comrades who managed to attend. The following are the individual results and placings for the Athletic Cup :—

*Throwing the Javelin.**

1, Lce.-Cpl. Melchior (116 ft. 1 in.) ; 2, Lce.-Cpl. Green (105 ft. 7 in.) ; 3, Fus. Collins (103 ft. 7 in.).

880 *Yards.*

1, Sgt. Day ; 2, Lce.-Cpl. Clewes; 3, Lce.-Cpl. Buckley. (Won by 5 yds., 3 yds.)

Time = 2 *mins.* 15 4/5 *secs.*

*High Jump.**

1, 2nd-Lieut. Ames (5 ft. 3 in.); 2, Lieut. Ames (5 ft. 2½ in.) ; 3, Lce.-Cpl. Long (5 ft. 1 in.).

Throwing the Discus.

1, Sgt. Wootton (89 ft. 5 in.) ; 2, Dmr. Wootton (87 ft. 3½ in.) ; 3, Lieut. Ames (83 ft. 7½ in.).

220 *Yards.**

1, Sgt. Daniels ; 2, Lce.-Cpl. Rorke ; 3, Lieut. Ames. (Won by 6 yds., 2 yds.)

Time = 25 2/5 *secs.*

3 *Miles.**

1, Bdmn. Hipperson ; 2, Cpl. Keane ; 3, Sgt. Day. (Won by 15 yds., 2 yds.)

Time = 15 *mins.* 52 2/5 *secs.*

Putting the Weight.

1, Sgt. Wootton (32 ft. 7 in.) ; 2, Lce.-Cpl. White (32 ft. 2 in.) ; 3, Fus. Trimble (29 ft.).

100 *Yards.**

1, Lieut. Ames ; 2, Sgt. Daniels ; 3, Cpl. O'Neale. (Won by inches, 1 yd.)

Time = 10 1/5 *secs.*)

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1 *Mile.*

1, Sgt. Day; 2, Bdmn. Hipperson; 3, Lce.-Cpl. Clewes. (Won by 8 yds., 5 yds.)

Time = 5 *mins.*

120 *Yards Hurdles.**

1, Lieut. Ames; 2, Lce.-Cpl. Melchior; 3, Fus. Humphries. (Won by 3 yds., 1 ft.)

Time = 17 *mins.* 1/5 *secs.*

*Long Jump.**

1, Lieut. Ames (21 ft. 2½ in.); 2, Lce.-Cpl. Long (20 ft. 10½ in.); 3, Lce.-Cpl. Rorke (19 ft. 7 in.).

440 *Yards.*

1, Sgt. Daniels; 2, Lce.-Cpl. Buckloy; 3, Lce.-Cpl. Rorke. (Won by 5 yds., 2 yds.)

Time = 56 2/5 *secs.*

Inter-Company Relay.

1, "C" Co.; 2, H.Q. 2 and 3. (Won by 20 yds.).

Time = 4 *mins.* 8 1/5 *secs.*

1 *Mile Open Relay.*

1, Depôt Bn. R.E.; 2, 3rd Bn. R.T.C.; 3, 1st Bn. K.O.Y.L.I. (Won by 15 yds., 10 yds.)

Time = 3 *mins.* 58 2/5 *secs.*

*Pole Jump.**

1, Fus. Ogden (8 ft. 3 in.); 2, Fus. Hoy (7 ft. 11 in.; 3, Fus. Dixon (7 ft. 10 in.).

In events marked * fresh records have been established.

PLACINGS AT END OF SPORTS.

		Points.
*1.	"C" Co.	26
2.	H.Q. 2 and 3	24
3.	"D" Co.	20
4.	H.Q. 1 and 4	10
5.	"B" Co.	3
6.	"A" Co.	1

* Athletic Cup.

ATHLETIC NOTES.

After threatening to ruin our individual championships completely on 23rd April, the weather relented and favoured us with a fine afternoon. Considering the heavy state of the track, the performances were distinctly good, no fewer than nine records being lowered.

On 1st May we sent our Relay team to Stamford Bridge to compete in the A.A.A. One Mile Relay Championship of Great Britain. There were three heats, the winner of each heat and the fastest 2nd going to the final. Our team was in the first heat and were beaten by the strong Achilles "B" team by 20 yds. Our time was 3 mins. 45 4/5 secs. As the next heat was slower than this, all depended on the last heat as to whether we got to the final as fastest second. In this heat Achilles "A," with D. G. A. Lowe, the Olympic champion, running their half-mile, scored from Birchfield Harriers, who mainly owing to a very fine half by H. Houghton, the Midlands champion, beat our time. The placings in the final were:—1, Achilles "A"; 2, Achilles "B"; 3, Birchfield Harriers.

We were represented by the following team:—880 yds., Sgt. Day; 220 yds., Lce.-Cpl. Long, Sgt. Daniels; 440 yds., Lieut. R. G. Ames.

The Inter-Company Team Championships, which were introduced for the first time this year and were run off in three small evening meetings, have proved a real success and have undoubtedly come to stay. No competitor was allowed to run in more than three events. After a close struggle, "D" Co. reversed the Gallipoli Day placings with "C" Co. Some excellent performances were recorded, one of the most pleasing features being the high standard attained in the field events.

On Whit Monday we sent a team to compete in the Woolwich War Memorial Inter-Club Relay Meeting, and finished third. Though we were well beaten by Achilles and Polytechnic Harriers, the team ran very well; the first two teams each included half a dozen internationals. The final placings were:—

		Points.
1.	Polytechnic Harriers ..	24
2.	Achilles Club	22
3.	1st Lan. Fus.	12
4.	Herne Hill Harriers	11

Mr. Alec Nelson, the Cambridge University and Olympic coach, came down to train our team for a fortnight in May. He also conducted a course for specially selected N.C.O.'s and Fusiliers to train them as athletic instructors, and was on the ground every evening to give a helping hand to anyone outside the team. Already we are seeing the results of his coaching in the greatly improved standard of our field event men.

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THE OFFICERS' ENCLOSURE.

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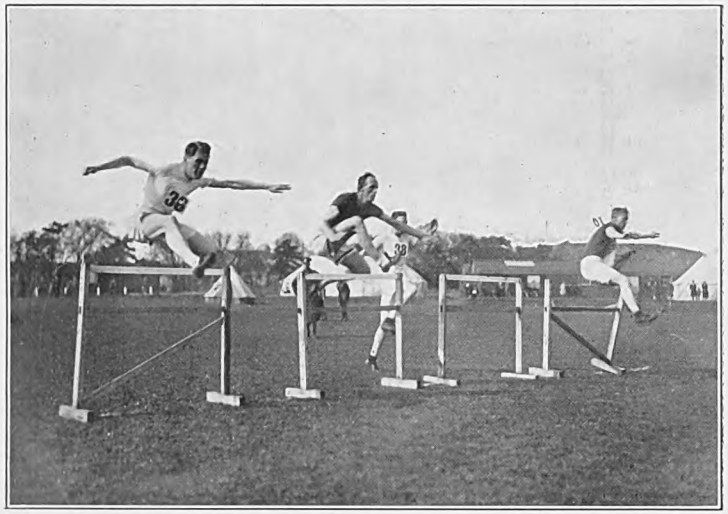
LIEUT. R. G. R. AMES WINNING THE 100 YDS. BY INCHES FROM SGT. DANIELS.



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THE 120 YDS. HURDLES IN PROGRESS.

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THE SERGEANTS' ENCLOSURE.

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Mr. Nelson is returning to us for a further fortnight in July, and we hope to show him that we have not been idle in his absence.

This year, owing to our change of station, most of the team are not eligible for any County Championships, but Sgt. Day's entry for the Kent Championship was allowed owing to his previous service in Dover. He ran a great race to win the 880 yds. Championship in 2 mins. 5 secs., beating, among others, W. J. Toms, the ex-champion, and W. G. Tatham, the Achilles crack.

On 10th June, at the Royal Marines Sports at Deal, we entered two teams in the ¾ Mile Open Relay, and finished 1st and 4th. The first team won easing up by 40 yds. in 2 mins. 35 2/5 secs.

Sergt. Daniels won the Open 440 Yards at the same meeting, in 53 1/5 secs.

On the same date, at Manston, at the R.A.F. Sports, Sgt. Day and Lce.-Cpl. Melchior were 1st and 2nd in the Open 880 Yards.

On 12th June, at Shorncliffe, we ran two teams in the Open 1 Mile Relay at the Royal Warwicks Sports, and again finished 1st and 4th.

On 16th June, we entered two teams for the Mile Relay at the 3rd Bn. Royal Tank Corps Sports. Owing to Sgt. Day breaking down on the way over we had to scratch one team. We were beaten by 1 yd. by the Depôt Bn. R.E. after a most exciting race in 3 mins. 49 1/5 secs. Sgt. Daniels was 1st and Lce.-Cpl. Rorke 2nd in the Open 440 Yards.

At Mitcham, on 19th June, we entered a team for the 1 Mile Relay, open to all Units of H.M. Forces at the N.A.A.F.I. Sports.

RESULT.

1, 1st Lan. Fus.
2, R.A.F., Uxbridge.
3, Scots Guards.
(Won by 30 yds., same.)
Time = 3 *mins.* 46 *secs.*

INTER-CO. TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS AND RESULTS.

880 *Yards Relay* (4 *at* 220 *yards*).

1, "D" Co.; 2, "A" Co.; 3, H.Q. 1 and 4.
Time = 1 *min.* 41 4/5 *secs.*

480 *Yards Hurdles Relay* (4 *at* 120 *yards*).

1, "A" Co.; 2, "D" Co.
Time = 1 *min.* 24 1/5 *secs.*

2 *Miles Relay.*

1, "C" Co.; 2, H.Q. 2 and 3; 3, H.Q. 1 and 4.
Time = 9 *mins.* 8 3/5 *secs.*

Throwing the Javelin.

1, "C" Co. (212 ft. 2 in.); 2, "B" Co. (198 ft. 5½ in.); 3, H.Q. 2 and 3 (191 ft. 7½ in.).

Long Jump.

1, "D" Co. (41 ft. 4½ in.); 2, "B" Co. (39 ft. 10 in.); 3, "C" Co. (38 ft. 2 in.).

FINAL PLACINGS.

Company.	Points to Athletic Cup.	Points to Lawrence Cup.
"D"	20	3
"C"	18	2½
"A"	12	2
H.Q. 1 and 4 ..	10	1½
"B"	9	1
H.Q. 2 and 3 ..	8	½

LAWRENCE CUP.

Another Cup tournament is over, and "Don" Co. are again the winners for the fourth year in succession.

This is a very fine record indeed, and no doubt will stand for many years to come.

We offer our congratulations to "Don" on winning the following Cups and Shields:—Cross-Country Cup, Rugby Cup, Soccer Shield and the Willis-Purnell Hockey Shield.

The final points read as follows:—

Co.	Cricket	Cross Country	Hockey	Rugby	Soccer	Athletics	Total
*"D" Co.	3	6	5	6	6	4	30
†"C" Co.	3	5	1	3½	1	6	19¾
‡H.Q. 1 and 4 Groups	3¼	4	6	1	2½	3	19¾
"A" Co.	3½	3	3½	3½	5	1	19½
§"B" Co.	5½	2	3½	2	4	2	19
H.Q. 2 and 3 Groups	2½	1	2	5	2½	5	18

* Lawrence Cup, Cross-Country Cup, Rugby Cup, Willis-Purnell Hockey Shield.

† Athletics Cup, share Senior Cricket Shield.

‡ Hockey Shield (Tidswell), share Senior Cricket Shield.

§ Junior Cricket Shield, share Senior Cricket Shield.

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CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING.

The Army Cross-Country Championships were held over a 7½ miles course at Windsor. Though the course was far easier than the E. Command course, the going was very hard. Considering that this was their first appearance in the Army race, the team put up a very good show to finish fourth and had not Fus. Davis been crocked, might even have run into second place. We congratulate the winners, the D.C.L.I., on their really wonderful performance.

The team finished as follows :—

Bdmn. Hifferson, 15
Sgt. Day, 24
Cpl. Keane, 26
Lce.-Cpl. Melchior, 39
Fus. Ward, 42
Lce.-Cpl. Clewes, 50
Fus. Wright, 52
Fus. Reddick, 86
Fus. Wilson, 96
Fus. Lightfoot, 124
Lce.-Cpl. Grace, 125
Lieut. Lyne, 138
Fus. Taylor
Fus. Hill
Fus. Bradley

TEAM PLACINGS.

1	1st D.C.L.I.	169
2	3rd Bn. Royal Tank Corps ..	717
3	2nd Bn. Rifle Brigade ..	753
4	1st Lan. Fus.	817

BOXING NOTES.

Since we won the Dover Challenge Cup in April we have had no team competitions of any description but some excellent individual fights by Cpls. Watts and Grace.

This year is the first time the Regiment has gone so far as to win an Imperial Services Boxing Championship. On 24th, 25th and 26th March, Cpls. Watts and Grace did very well in the Army Individual Championships at Aldershot. They both reached the semi-finals in the Feather and Welter-Weights respectively, and both were only just beaten on points by the eventual winners.

Cpl. Watts impressed the selectors to the extent that he was chosen to represent the Army in the Welter-Weights at the Imperial Services Championships on 16th April. In a very close fight he beat A. C. Paige, R.A.F., in the finals, thus securing the Imperial Services Welter-Weight title.

Cpl. Watts was selected to represent the Army in the Amateur Championships of Great Britain at the Albert Hall on 28th April. Damaging his hand early on, Watts managed to stick it to the end, and was beaten after a very good fight by Sawyer, of the Goldsmiths' Boxing Club.

Cpl. Grace fought a special six-round contest with Cpl. Davies, Royal Marines Champion, at Manston, on 22nd April. He also put up an excellent fight at Canterbury in May against Minshull, the South African, this year's winner of the Amateur Feather-Weight Title of Great Britain.

We hope Grace will be the next one to win a championship, and congratulate both Watts and Grace on their excellent performances.

It is proposed to hold a novices' boxing competition towards the end of August, and another one about the end of September.

We are very weak in Light-Weights, and have only Dmr. Wootten in the Catch-Weights, so special attention will be paid to these two weights in future. It is hoped that the company boxers will get their men out in readiness for the August and September competitions.

CRICKET.

The Bn. started the cricket season on the 1st May, with a trial match. No outstanding talent was discovered.
The first match was :—

Versus **Royal Warwick. Regt.**

At Shorncliffe, 3rd May, 1926.

Lt.-Col. Spooner was unable to play, but Capt. Piggott joined last year's team.

The Warwicks won the toss, and batted first. Cpl. Gould bowled very well, and they were dismissed for 93, Gould taking 6 wickets for 20 runs.

We made a very bad start, losing 4 wickets for 20 runs. Captains Otway and Winterbottom, however, batted well, and took the score to 84.

The remaining runs were obtained for the loss of one more wicket. Capt. Otway was a trifle lucky in his good innings, but it is the first bit of luck he has had for three seasons.

1ST ROYAL WARWICKS.

Sgt. Hill, b Gould	10
Pte. Jones, lbw, b Maguire	15
Lieut. Morley, b Gould	0
C.Q.M.S. Kingsbury, b Gould	0
Pte. Heywood, c Maguire	14
Capt. Catterell, b Gould	1
Lieut. Evans, c Maguire, b Capt. Piggott ..	8

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Pte. Lowe, not out	20
Capt. Gething, b Blythe	9
Pte. Norton, b Gould	1
Pte. Dyke, b Capt. Piggott	9
Extras	3
	93

1ST BN. LAN. FUS.

Capt. Otway, c Dyke, b Houghton	42
Capt. Piggott, b Catterell	6
Lce.-Cpl. Blythe, run out	3
Cpl. Gould, c Kingsbury, b Catterell	0
Lieut. Kenrick, b Dyke	0
Capt. Winterbottom, not out	37
Cpl. Kay, lbw, b Catterell	0
Lce.-Cpl. Pope, not out	5
Lce.-Cpl. Whitworth, R.S.M. Maguire, Sgt. Starling	did not bat
Extras	2
	95

2nd Match :—

Versus **1st Bn. K.O.Y.L.I.**

At Crabble, 11th May, 1926.

We again lost the toss, and had to field. The match was played on the County Ground. The wicket was perfect. Lt.-Col. Spooner joined the team. Cpl. Gould and R.S.M. Maguire bowled unchanged, and the K.O.Y.L.I. were dismissed for 70, Gould taking 5 wickets for 29 runs, Maguire 5 wickets for 34.

Captains Otway and Piggott gave us a good start ; the Colonel failed to score in his opening match of the year ; Capt. Otway batted very well.

1ST K.O.Y.L.I.

Lieut. Hotham, b Gould	8
Capt. Watkins, b Gould	10
Lieut. Douglass, c Blythe, b Maguire	5
Capt. Farrell, b Gould	13
Capt. Butt, c Gould, b Maguire	6
Pte. Goodison, b Gould	2
Lieut. Wood, not out	6
Lieut. Wilberforce, b Gould	0
Pte. Dyer, c Kenrick, b Maguire	9
Lieut. Clinch, b Maguire	4
Lieut. Forbes, b Maguire	0
Extras	7
	70

1ST BN. LAN. FUS.

Capt. Otway, c Goodison, b Wood	48
Capt. Piggott, c Dyer, b Forbes	20
Col. Spooner, b Forbes	0
Lce.-Cpl. Blythe, not out	18
Lieut. Kenrick, c Wood, b Wilberforce	4
Capt. Winterbottom, b Goodison	1
Cpl. Kay, b Goodison	4
Lce.-Cpl. Pope, c and b Douglas	19
Cpl. Gould, b Wood	3
Lce.-Cpl. Melchior, c Douglas, b Farrell	14
R.S.M. Maguire, c Watkins, b Forbes	12
Extras	9
	152

3rd Match.

Versus **1st Royal Inniskilling Fus.**

22nd May, 1926.

This was our first home match and was played on the Regimental Ground.

Again we lost the toss and had to field, the wicket was not very good, and at times rather dangerous. We dismissed our visitors for 146.

Our batting failed for some unknown reason, and but for R.S.M. Maguire, who used the long handle, we should have been badly beaten. We gave a very poor show, and thoroughly deserved to be beaten.

1ST ROYAL INNISKILLING FUSILIERS.

Mr. Marchant, lbw, b Gould	1
Mr. Scott, b Gould	3
Capt. Mercer, b Maguire	20
Sgt. Bateman, b Maguire	9
Sgt. Manning, c Blythe, b Maguire	16
Bdmn. Munday, not out	32
Sgt. Neil, c Otway, b Blythe	19
Bdmn. Mortimer, st Winterbottom, b Piggott	1
Mr. Stewart, b Blythe	6
Mr. Fitzgerald, c and b Gould	12
Bdmn. Scutts, b Gould	0
Extras	27
	146

1ST BN. LAN. FUS.

Capt. Otway, b Bateman	9
Capt. Piggott, b Fitzgerald	2
Col. Spooner, b Fitzgerald	7
Lce.-Cpl. Blythe, c and b Bateman	8
Lieut. Kenrick, c Mercer, b Neil	7

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Capt. Winterbottom, b Neil	7
Cpl. Kay, b Bateman	5
Cpl. Gould, c Scott, b Fitzgerald	6
R.S.M. Maguire, b Bateman	32
Sgt. Starling, c Scutts, b Bateman	0
Lce.-Cpl. Melchior, not out	5
Extras	19
	107

4th Match.

Versus **Royal Warwick Regt.**

At Connaught Barracks, 29th May, 1926.

The visitors batted first, and made a good score of 208. Capt. Catterall batted well for them.

We started very badly, losing Capts. Otway and Piggott for 0. Col. Spooner and Lce.-Cpl. Blythe, however, came to the rescue and took the score to 118, when Blythe left, having made 63. The Colonel was not out for 65, the match being a draw.

ROYAL WARWICKSHIRE REGT.

Capt. Catterell, c Otway, b Blythe	63
Pte. Jones, b Maguire	23
Sgt. Hill, run out	1
Pte. Lowe, st Spooner, b Piggott	24
Pte. Hayward, b Maguire	45
Lieut. Morley, c Kay, b Maguire	6
Lieut. Evans, b Otway	9
Major Hore, c Otway, b Piggott	14
C.Q.M.S. Kingsbury, not out	5
Pte. Dyke, Sgt. Hopkins } did not bat	
Extras	18
	208

1ST BN. LAN. FUS.

Capt. Otway, b Hayward	0
Capt. Piggott, b Catterell	0
Lce.-Cpl. Blythe, c Hore, b Lowe	63
Col. Spooner, not out	65
Lieut. Kenrick, c Hore, b Hayward	0
R.S.M. Maguire, not out	16
Cpl. Gould, Cpl. Kay, Lce.-Cpl. Pope, Lce.-Cpl. Melchoir, Lce.-Cpl. Whitworth } did not bat	
Extras	17
Total (4 wkts.)	161

5th Match.

Versus **Duke of York's Royal Military School.**

On D.Y.R.M.S Ground, 3rd June, 1926.

We had to play a poor side against the Dukies, who are one of the best teams in the Garrison, if not *the* best.

For the first time we won the toss, and batted first. The wicket was good but soft. We started very badly, losing Capt. Winterbottom at 6 and the Colonel at 15. W.O. Smailes was bowling very well. Lce.-Cpl. Pope batted very well for 31, and was the last man out.

Col. Poyntz and W.O. Smailes knocked off the runs, and we were rather badly beaten.

1ST BN. LAN. FUS.

Capt. Otway, c and b Col. Poyntz	8
Capt. Winterbottom, b Smailes	6
Col. Spooner, b Smailes	7
Lieut. Kenrick, c Kearney, b Col. Poyntz	15
Cpl. Kay, b Smailes	1
Lce.-Cpl. Pope, c Wright, b Kearney	31
R.S.M. Maguire, b Smailes	1
Cpl. Gould, c Cooke, b Bailey	5
Sgt. Starling, c and b Kearney	7
Fus. Clegg, b Wilde	1
Lce.-Cpl. Milward, not out	0
Extras	4
	86

D.Y.R.M.S.

W.O. Kearney, lbw, b Maguire	3
W.O. Wilde, c Kay, b Milward	24
Lieut. Wright, c Col. Spooner, b Maguire	5
W.O. Smailes, b Gould	62
Col. Poyntz, not out	48
W.O. Cooke, not out	2
W.O. Nugent, W.O. Pirie, W.O. Bailey, W.O. Heath, W.O. Quarrell } did not bat	
Extras	8
Total (4 wkts.)	152

Match 6.

Versus **1st Bn. Queen's Royal Regt.**

Connaught Barracks, 5th June, 1926.

The Queen's batted first, and in the first hour scored 30 runs. They managed to

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compile 163 for 6, when they declared and left us an hour to bat.

Capts. Otway and Piggott opened our batting. Capt. Piggott was unlucky to play on. The Colonel did not stay long. Capt. Otway and Lce.-Cpl. Pope were still together when we drew stumps. It was not a very interesting or exciting match, time being so limited.

1ST QUEEN'S ROYAL REGT.

Col. Faviel, c Capt. Winterbottom, b Capt. Piggott	37
Capt. Welman, b Gould	1
2nd-Lieut. Burton, b Gould	84
Lce.-Cpl. Miles, b Gould	9
Pte. Barclay, b Gould	0
Capt. Binjham, b Blythe	1
Pte. Woodards, not out	13
Lce.-Cpl. Palmer, not out	0
Lce.-Cpl. Ives, Pte. Winfield, Capt. Haggard	did not bat
Extras	18
Total (6 wkts. declared)	163

1ST BN. THE LAN FUS.

Capt. Otway, not out	16
Capt. Piggott, b Binjham	5
Lce.-Cpl. Blythe, c Binjham, b Miles	1
Col. Spooner, c and b Miles	5
Lieut. Kenrick, b Binjham	16
Lce.-Cpl. Pope, not out	21
Capt. Winterbottom, Cpl. Kay, Cpl. Gould, R.S.M. Maguire, Lce.-Cpl. Milward	did not bat
Extras	14
Total (4 wkts.)	78

Company cricket has started with two Leagues, 1st Div. and 2nd Div. So far "A" Co. have not lost, and are leading. The result will be in the next Magazine.

SOCCER NOTES.

My short article in No. 1 issue of the *Gazette* has, I am glad to say, raised the very devil of a row.

"Coming into its own," one was heard to remark; "why, they've never had one."

My contention is that we are a soccer battalion, always have been, and always will be; but there is no reason why other games should not flourish as well.

Six hundred men of this Battalion play soccer of a kind. Out of that six hundred there are sixty players above the average. These men compose the company teams. Now, then, twenty-five of these men are outstanding in individual ability and knowledge of the finer points of the game.

What then is lacking? The answer is very obvious—TEAM WORK! To be a successful team this TEAM WORK must exist on the practise ground and the playing field. We have the talent, but it wants sorting out and blending into a team.

An example of what real team work leads to is supplied by our record before the war. Let us then take a peep into the past and run through the trophies and competitions won by us:—

1903	Gibraltar.	Won Garrison Cup. In this match, according to 1903 Annual, Dr. Richards, who afterwards won the V.C. at the Landing, played a rattling good game.
1907	Malta.	Won Governor's Cup and League.
1908	India.	Beaten in final Lahore Tradesmen's Cup. Winners Durand Cup.
1909	,,	Winners Durand Cup, Murree Cup.
1910	,,	Winners Lahore Tradesmen's Cup.
1911	,,	Winners Punjab Bengal Cup, Lahore Tradesmen's Cup, King Emperor's Cup, Divisional Cup. Beaten in final Durand Cup.
1912	,,	Winners Punjab Bengal Cup, Murree Cup, 17th (D.C.O.) Lancers' Cup. Beaten final Durand Cup.
1913	,,	Winners Durand Cup.

This list is far from complete, but it is sufficient for our purpose.

And the men who won these trophies for us—Dr. Richards, Cpl. Heffernan, Williams, Murphy, Sweeney, Russell, Devine, Spriggs, Sheridan, Gambles, Lark, Burrows, Halstead, Walker, Abbott, Stockton, Banks and Lieut. Yates. What memories do they not call to mind. The rocklike defence of big Heffernan, the brilliant goalkeeping of Williams, the

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craftiness of Gambles and Spriggs, the brilliance of Swank Russell and Spud Murphy, the polished play of owd Jimmy Banks, and, most important of all, the splendid combination and team work of all.

Yet these men individually were no better than the twenty-five outstanding players in our Battalion.

What, then, was the secret of their success? TEAM WORK and organised training, the care taken in building up the team so that the eleven individuals blend into a real machine, each one dependent on the others, trusting each other and familiar with each other's play.

And that is, or has been the fault with our team since the war, lack of confidence in each other's abilities. In 1909 this Battalion decided to take up soccer seriously, and a scheme of training was drawn up. And remember this—the players entered into the spirit of the thing. The Officer-in-charge made them train hard, and they put their backs into it, and woe to the slacker—the rest of the team went for him tooth and nail. The result was that every Cup in the North of India was won by us.

And we can obtain a like result if we organise our training. We have twenty-five men in the Battalion now who are as clever individually as the pre-war men. (Swank excepted.) Therefore, all ye soccerites, let your slogan be: "The team, the whole team, and nothing but the team!"

Never question a referee's decision, play the whistle, don't appeal, keep your temper even if you are fouled, and for the love of Mike keep the ball low or one of these days it will be coming down with snow on it.

No inter-regimental games were played last season, except cup-ties, which were described in No. 1 *Gazette*. Result of the Inter-Company Soccer League for the Shield, and points towards the Lawrence Cup, was as follows:—

Teams.	Pl'y'd.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Pts.	Pts. to Lawrence Cup.
*"D" Co. ..	5	5	0	0	10	6
"A" Co. ..	5	3	2	0	6	5
"B" Co. ..	5	2	2	1	5	4
H.Q. 1 and 4 ..	5	2	3	0	4	2½
H.Q. 2 and 3 ..	5	2	3	0	4	2½
"C" Co. ..	5	1	3	1	3	1

* Winners of Shield.

HOCKEY NOTES.

No Regimental hockey matches have been played since the issue of No. 1 *Gazette*, everyone concentrating on the inter-company competitions. H.Q. 1 and 4 Groups, consisting of the Band, Drums, Signals and Transport, again carried all before them and ran out easy winners. "D" Co. won the Willis-Purnell Shield as runners-up, and H.Q. 1 and 4 the Tidswell Shield as winners.

The final points were as follows:—

INTER-COMPANY HOCKEY LEAGUE.

Teams.	Pl'y'd.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Pts.	Pts. to Lawrence Cup.
*H.Q. 1 and 4 Groups ..	5	4	0	1	9	6
†"D" Co. ..	5	4	1	0	8	5
"B" Co. ..	5	1	1	3	5	3½
"A" Co. ..	5	2	2	1	5	3½
H.Q. 2 and 3 Groups ..	5	1	4	0	2	2
"C" Co. ..	5	0	4	1	1	1

* Winners of Tidswell Shield.

† Winners of Willis-Purnell Shield.

It is many years since the Band suffered defeat, and judging by the displays of some of the younger members I should say it will be many years before a company team can compete with them.

The Band, of course, compose the whole of H.Q. 1 and 4's team, with the exception of Lieut. A. J. O. Bridgeman and R.S.M. Maguire.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

The competition for the Rugby Football Cup was exceedingly close this year, and the fact that two matches were drawn and several other matches only won by a very few points, shows the equality of several of the teams. Quite a lot of new talent was unearthed, and we shall start next season with bright prospects.

Co.	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Points.
"D"	5	4	0	1	9
H.Q. 2 and 3 ..	5	3	1	1	7
"C"	5	2	1	2	6
"A"	5	3	2	0	6
"B"	5	1	4	0	2
H.Q. 1 and 4 ..	5	0	5	0	0

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THE QUARTER BLOKE.

The troops who do not know the ropes
  Look on him with fear,
And tremble for their credits
  As month end is drawing near.

" Sign here." " What for ? "
  " Well, I suppose I must ;
But what the hell I'm signing for !
  It really don't seem just."

" How much am I in credit, Sir ? "
  You ask him, mild and meek.
He looks at you with eyes of scorn,
  And says you've got a cheek.

He's the bloke what goes around,
  And puts you down for kit ;
And when you see the cost of it
  You nearly have a fit.

" Credit, did you say, my lad ?
  You must think you've got a hoard.
What about the toothbrush
  You had last Clothing Board ? "

He dishes out the coal to rooms :
  Its absolutely free.
For every box that you get there
  He manages to get three.

But what a change you see in him
  When he goes to the war :
He smiles at everyone he meets,
  Beneath the cannon's roar.

You think he's got a cushy job,
  Though he really gets it rough.
You in front get shrapnel most,
  He gets the heavy stuff.

You lie in front, both cold and stiff,
  And shiver like a jelly ;
But just remember as you lie
  Who it is who feeds your belly.

How the hell can we win wars
  If we are short of grub !
We haven't got a Lyons' there,
  And we haven't got a pub.

Its then you see him at his best,
  When everything is quiet ;
The ration party comes in view
  And nearly starts a riot.

The rum ! Oh, lor' ! it bucks you up,
  And makes you feel quite plucky,
And if you know the Quarter-bloke
  You may touch extra lucky.

When out the line you come to rest,
  And get dished out with bedding,
Who is it who tucks you in,
  Whilst tears for you he's shedding ?

So after all he's not so bad,
  And only does his job,
As all of you should strive to do
  If only on ten bob.

To-morrow will be pay, boys,
  And we'll give three hearty cheers
For our Quarter-Master-Sergeant,
  And lush him up with beers.

" TRIX."

MISCELLANEOUS MEMS.

" Figure of Merit."

Once upon a time, on a wet afternoon, two figures slipped stealthily into a company office and turned the key in the lock. After a quick look round to make sure they were alone, they got to work. They must not be disturbed. They were going to work out the company average.

The hands of the clock flew round. After they had been flying round for some time, a slight scraping sound was heard in a corner. It was the C.Q.M.S. working at his accounts ! They had been observed ! ! He was ejected. They got to work again. The hands of the clock flew round. Darkness set in, and they turned on the lights. Suddenly a yell of triumph, dying to a moan of despair ! The Co. average was out, but alas ! it was too small. They must put it back. Sadly they returned it whence it came. The key grated in the lock, and two figures faded into the night.

Twenty-four hours later. Another wet afternoon. Scene as before. The same two figures in the Company office, looking tired but determined. They got to work. The hands of the clock flew round. All at once a thump on the door sent two hands flying to two hip pockets. But it was only the Co. Senior Subaltern trying to get in. Silence !

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Then a grating sound, as the Co. Senior Subaltern scratched his chin. More silence, then his footsteps crunched wearily away. The hands of the clock flew round. Outside an owl hooted (or was it a rival Company Commander ?).

The two figures bent over their work. Gradually a slow smile crept over their faces. It was nearly out. A steady pull, a little more wangling, a final tug, and there was the beautiful average glistening before their eyes. What a beauty ! It had grown in the night, too, and they could keep it and send it forth into the world. A " figure of merit," indeed—74.6 ! !

Out of the Inkwell.

The following extracts have been taken from actual 3rd and 2nd Class Examination papers.

The excuse given by ALL the culprits is as under :—

" Oh ! the School Sergeant told us that ! ! !

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Question.—Name any products of Italy which are largely consumed by the British Public.

Bright Spark.—Ice Cream.

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Extract from an account of the Battle of Quebec :—

" Wolfe was hit twice by cannon balls. The third fell into the arms of a brother officer, saying ' Don't let the men see I have fallen.' "

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To be inserted in the Regimental History if found correct :—

The " poles " of our " Culers " were first of all a birthday gift from the Duke of Wellington to Queen Victoria.

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The following should be of interest to those studying Geography :—

A *delta* is a place where there is only ONE man-eating TIGER, and the Prince of Wales is afraid to go there.

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A candidate explains why New Zealand is suitable for white settlement :—

New Zealand is about the same distance from the South Pole as we are from the North Pole, so that when the earth turns round both countries move at the same speed. In the Tropics the countries move much quicker and this extra speed upsets the White Man's " EQEELIBERIUM " (sort of bowls you over, what ?).

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Question.—Explain the importance and usefulness of rivers.

Answer.—Rivers are useful for the soap we get from them.

A few Old Sayings Revised by K.K.K

A bird on the knee is worth two on a bus !

Too many flukes spoil the break !

Man proposes—but not always marriage !

People who live in stone houses shouldn't throw glasses !

One swallow doesn't make a drink !

Actresses will happen in the best regulated families !

The early turn gets the bird.

All is not beer that's bitter !

Only in bed can one lie with impunity !

In the midst of life we are in debt (see last month's Pay List) !

Some critics never leave a turn unstoned !

Fine roads make fined drivers !

Call no man plucky till he's wed !

If you want a mug done well do him yourself !

THINGS WE SHOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

If a certain Sergeant is to be made Transport Sergeant to teach the mules the kick step ?

Why does a certain W.O. II. wish to escape the bonnie girls of Dover ? Ask Victor !

Will a certain Lance-Corporal's parents move to a bigger house now that he is on the pay ?

Who is the champion rummy player of the Sergeants' Mess ? and what are his winnings to date ?

Does Cpl. Watts still fink free tens make firty-free ?

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How many ducks Molly will get before the cricket season is over?

Who was the drummer who, during the gas practice, firing from the right shoulder, closed the right eye, and seeing the rifle with the left eye open thought he had a twisted barrel?

Which Lance-Corporal is the champion crisp scoffer of the Corporals' Mess?

Who was the "Pioneer" who got under the wheelbarrow to paint the bottom?—Now, Sergeant, smile!

Who was the Officer who picked up a L.G. piston rod, held it up to the sky, and said: "My God! Sgt. Howitzer, this barrel hasn't been cleaned for months!"?

Who was the W.O. II. who entered the N.A.A.F.I. and asked for a tin of brown blacking?

Who was the Sergeant who said: "Reveille is ten minutes late"?

When are the N.A.A.F.I. Windsor Steaks going to be pensioned off?

Why disguise rissoles as Windsor Stakes? and what is the difference between *Risoles*, *Savoury mince*, and *Windsor Stakes*

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Heard at Tidworth.

SERGT. (dressing the ranks): "Back the left-hand man. Carry it on."

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Who was the No. 3 of the L.G. who, when told to clean the gun, was caught cleaning the barrel mouthpiece spanner? Does he know anything about a fire bucket belonging to "Beer" Co.?

Who was the rookie of "B" Co. who, when told to take a bucket with him on L.G. training, was taking a fire bucket with him, and a few days later was put headfirst into the same for trying to be funny?

Who was the Fusilier of H.Q. Co. who was found searching in the spare parts bag for a spare gas vent?

Who was the Fusilier of "D" Co. who took the weight off the gun to make it lighter to carry home?

STUMPED.

The captain of a certain Mail steamer prided himself on the manner in which he conducted the funeral service.

A stoker died, and it was arranged to hold the funeral service in the middle watch (between midnight and 4 a.m.), so as not to depress the passengers.

At the appointed time, when everything was ready, the officers appeared on the scene; but the captain was absent, as he was detained on the bridge by the quartermaster. After waiting some time the officers decided that the captain was not able to attend, and the purser, in the absence of the captain, commenced to read the funeral service. He had just uttered the words, "I am the Resurrection and the Life," when the captain's voice was heard shouting out of the darkness: "The devil you are, Sir; I am 'the Resurrection and the Life,'" and the captain snatched the prayer-book from the purser's hands and continued the service.

Logic.

"Why don't you get a brush with more bristles in it?" asked a man watching another whitewash a fence.

"What for?"

"Because you could do twice as much work."

"Well, I ain't got twice as much work to do."

At the Battle of the Nile, a sailor was badly wounded in the leg, in the early part of the engagement. He said to a man standing near, "Tom, my leg's gone; carry me down to the sick bay." Tom picked up the wounded man and had started to carry him below, when a round shot took off his (the wounded man's) head. When they got to the cockpit, the doctor asked what was the matter. Tom replied: "Bill Jones, Sir, has had his leg shot away." "Leg?" said the doctor; "why, you fool, his head has been shot away!" "Well, Sir," said Tom, "Bill said it was his leg, but he always was a damned liar!"

Though it may not be new to everyone, this is the latest conundrum.

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What was the origin of the Two Minutes' Silence?—Two Scotsmen going to a bar together.

POLICEMAN: "Now, then, how do you come to be lying there in the gutter?"

INEBRIATED ONE: "S'all right, I just happened to walk between two lampposts and leaned against the wrong one."

Two neighbours, talking of their clever children. One said: "My boy was at College for three years, and came away with four certificates." The other one said, with a sarcastic smile: "That's nothing: my boy was only in College one week, and came away with a pair of new boots, two overcoats, a mackintosh and a suit case to put them in."

Beer should be drunk "twice a year"—all the time before 'Xmas and all the time after.

A doctor dragged a man, who was suffering from toothache, six times round the room by means of a pair of forceps. A tooth then came out.

"Please, Sir, you have pulled out the wrong tooth!" said the man. "Why didn't you tell me I had got hold of the wrong tooth?" asked the doctor. "I couldn't, Sir," replied the man, "you had got hold of my tongue as well."

A fussy old lady was visiting a military hospital, when she came upon a much beribboned Irish Tommy, who was looking thoroughly "fed-up." Hoping to cheer him up, she asked him about his war experiences. The following conversation occurred:—

OLD LADY: "So you were in the Great War, my man. Were you wounded?"

FED-UP TOMMY: "Yes, Ma'am."

OLD LADY: "Where were you wounded? On the Somme?"

FED-UP TOMMY: "No, Ma'am."

OLD LADY: "On the Aisne?"

FED-UP TOMMY: "No, Ma'am."

OLD LADY: "Where *were* you wounded then?"

FED-UP TOMMY: "On the Arras!"

(Collapse of Old Lady.)

After Divine Service.

A minister recently expostulated with a member of his congregation (a soldier) who slept and snored loudly during the sermon.

"We don't object to your going to sleep," he said; "but we do object to your preventing other people from doing so."

Something Worse.

"Can you imagine," said the facetious teacher of Natural History, "anything worse than a giraffe with a sore throat?"

"Yes, sir," came the answer from one boy.

"What, pray?" asked the teacher in surprise.

"A centipede with corns."

BIRTHS.

MURPHY.—At Dover, on 10th March, 1926, to the wife of Fus. Murphy, 1st Bn. Lan. Fus.—a son, Patrick.

HIPPERSON.—At Farnborough, on 23rd March, 1926, to the wife of Bdm. Hipperson, 1st Bn. Lan. Fus.—a daughter, Alice Louisa.

CORFIELD.—At Dover, on 24th March, 1926, to the wife of Cpl. Corfield, 1st Bn. Lan. Fus.—a son, Ronald.

MANKTELOW.—At Dover, on 2nd April, 1926, to the wife of Sgt. Manktelow, 1st Bn. Lan. Fus.—a daughter, Winifred.

MARRIAGES.

REED—BAKER.—At the Parish Church, Bury, on 22nd August, 1925, Fus. S. W. Reed to Bessie Baker.

EVANS—PIPER.—At the Wesleyan Centenary Chapel, Dover, on 22nd May, 1926, Lce.-Sgt. T. Evans to Annie Rose Piper.

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The Gallipoli Gazette.

The Journal of the 1st Bn. The Lancashire Fusiliers.

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EDITORIAL.

This is our "Minden Number," and contains a full account of the Minden Day celebrations with the Battalion.

As always, a great many past members of the Regiment came to visit us, and greetings were received from all over the world from those others who were prevented by distance or circumstances from doing so.

As the celebrations this year were held on a Saturday, several of our guests were unable to stay the night.

Many of the visitors were good enough to say how much they appreciate receiving regular news of the Battalion through the *Gallipoli Gazette*. It is good to know, therefore, that one of our main objects has been achieved.

We wish to apologise for some very indifferent reproductions of photographs in the last number. This time we are experimenting with a better type of paper and ink, which we hope will give much more satisfactory results.

NOTES.

We congratulate Lt.-Col. Luker on his recovery from his recent illness, and are pleased to see him once more with the Bn.

We extend a hearty welcome to Capt. and Mrs. H. A. Newson, on rejoining from the Territorials.

Capt. A. D. Macdonald, M.C., is staying with us for a short time before proceeding to join the new Iraq (Arab) Army. Our very best wishes go with him in his new venture.

The Editor wishes to thank Col. A. J. Mitchell and Capt. R. C. Harris for their most welcome donations to the *G.G.*

Capt. J. W. Evatt, M.B.E., arrived at Dover on the 11th, having brought his Battery by road from Woolwich. J.W. will be a welcome addition to our Gun Team.

We were very pleased to see Capt. L. S. Orrell on leave from India, Evidently life in the "Shiny" agrees with him.

We offer our heartiest congratulations to Capt. G. Surtees, M.C., on his success in the Staff College Entrance Examinations, and beg to remind him that Dover is our home for the next three years or so.

We were very pleased to see Lieut. J. B. Mayall, who brought the last draft along from the Depôt, and stayed the week-end with us.

Capt. and Mrs. V. F. S. Hawkins have paid us several visits during the summer. Capt. Hawkins also assisted the Bn. to win the Army Athletic Shield.

Lieut. N. O. Hill has relieved Capt. H. A. Newson as Adjutant to the 8th Bn. Lan. Fus. Knowing him as we do, we are sure that he will fill the post with conspicuous success.

The move of Lieut. N. O. Hill from the Depôt caused a vacancy which was filled by

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the movement of Lieut. H. M. Dodson from the Bn. to the Depôt. With Capt. P. G. Humfrey and Lieut. H. M. Dodson at the Depôt, we are looking forward to receiving *some sportsmen in future drafts.*

We hear that Capt. F. R. Logan's Territorials are carrying everything before them in the musketry line. News has just come through that they have won the Unit Championship Cup at the 42nd Divisional Rifle Meeting. Just the result one would expect with such a keen Musketeer to coach them.

Our old Quartermaster, Capt. F. W. Cox, M.C., is on leave pending retirement. We hope to be able to publish his photograph and career in our next issue.

Lt. Shadwell, who is at present on half-pay, paid us a short visit just before Minden Day. We were very pleased indeed to see him on the move again, and hope to see him in uniform before long.

We welcome 2nd-Lieut. West on being posted to the Bn. on "First Appointment" from Sandhurst.

2nd-Lieut. G. M. Sandilands has joined from sick leave, having made a splendid recovery.

We were particularly pleased to see so many Old Comrades on Minden Day, the London Depôt being well represented.

We hear that our Band is a very popular attraction in Dover. This is good news indeed, and considering that over twenty of our star soloists have left the Colours in the last two years, it reflects the greatest credit on Mr. Miles.

Band-Sergt. Balme is on a vocational course at Hounslow preparatory to proceeding to civil life. After eighteen months' whispering he has been admitted to Milbank Hospital for operation on his throat. We wish him a speedy recovery and permanent cure.

On the 8th October we are sending a large draft to the 2nd Bn. in India. We take this opportunity of wishing them *bon voyage,* and the very best of luck whilst with the 2nd Bn.

All articles for inclusion in No. 4 *Gallipoli Gazette* should reach this office not later than the 10th December, 1926.

The Editor has a few copies of Nos. 1 and 2 *Gazettes* on hand. These may be obtained at the usual price on application to the Sub-Editor.

May we again appeal to our readers to deal with the firms who advertise with us. Help the *Gazette* by obtaining advertisements.

The Editor begs to acknowledge receipt of the following journals, and hopes that they have received *G.G.'s* in return :—

The Dovorian, The Felstedian, The Tonbridgian, The Globe and Laurel, The Iron Duke, The Bugle, The Suffolk Regt. Journal, The Lancashire Lad, and *The Minden Gazette.*

C.S.M.I. C. D. Mather, of the P.T. staff, has relieved C.S.M.I. G. Belford, our old Instructor. May they both be happy in their new stations.

A few subscriptions are still due for this year. Will those who have not yet forwarded their subscriptions kindly do so as soon as convenient.

CONGRATULATIONS.

To the Athletic Team on winning the Army Athletic Shield by a record number of points. A photograph of the team will appear in No. 4 *G.G.*

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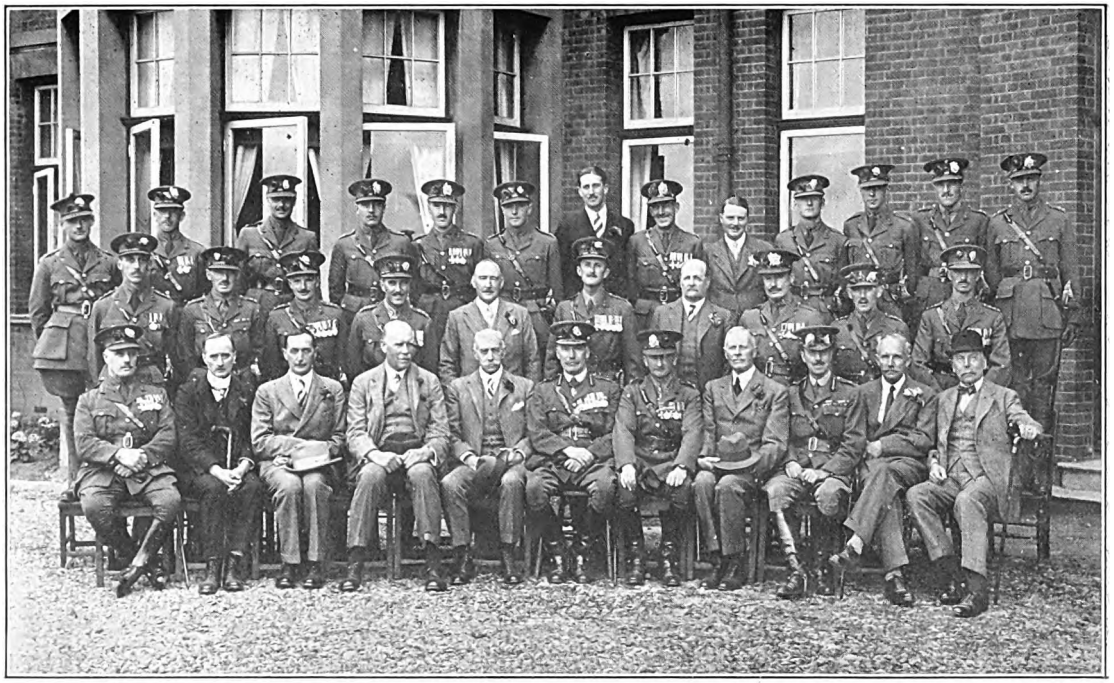
PAST AND PRESENT OFFICERS, 1ST BN. LANCASHIRE FUSILIERS. MINDEN DAY, 1926.



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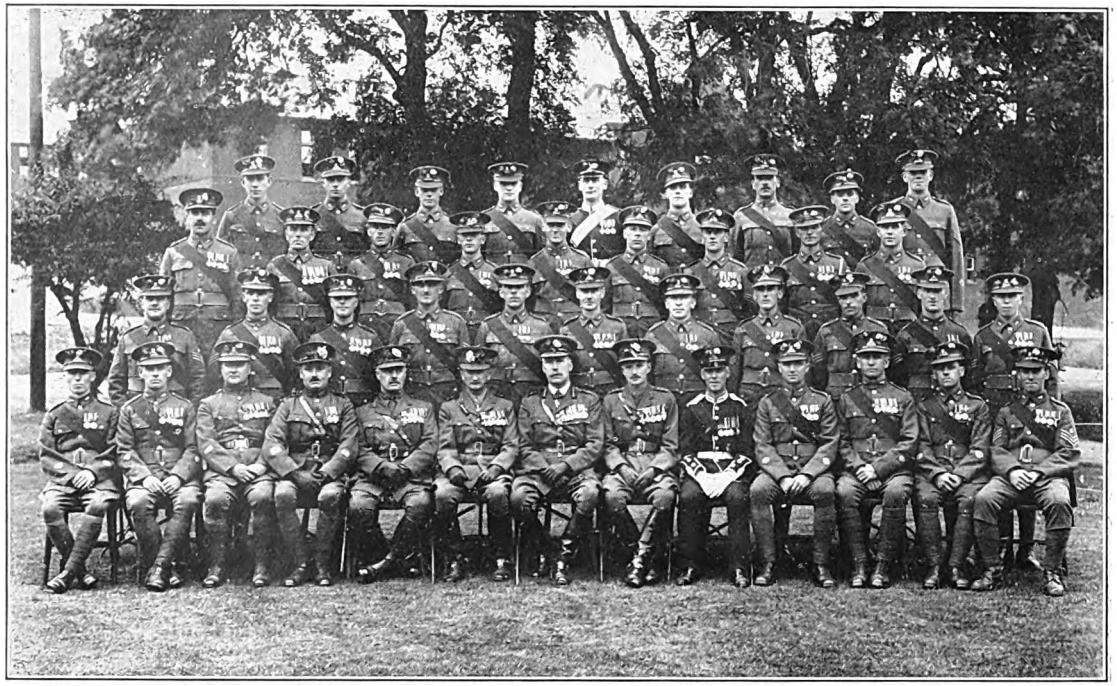
SERGEANTS' MESS MEMBERS, 1ST BN. LANCASHIRE FUSILIERS. MINDEN DAY, 1926.



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The Bayonet Team put up a real good show at Olympia, and with a bit of luck *might have won* the Championship.

At last the Transport Section has won the Best Turn-Out event in the Brigade Horse Show. A very good performance indeed.

To the Machine Gunners on their fine performance in getting third place in the Fire Control Shield, with a score of 385.

To the Bn. Relay Team on their many successes this season.

To the parents concerned on the happy events mentioned in the birth's column.

MINDEN DAY, 1926.

The ceremony of Trooping the Colour was carried out on Saturday, 31st July, on the Sports Ground, Connaught Barracks, Dover. A feature of the ceremony was the sudden appearance of an aeroplane which swooped down over the Bn. a few minutes before the Trooping of the Colour commenced, and scattered red and yellow roses up and down the lines. This aroused the greatest enthusiasm amongst the large crowd of spectators. The salute was taken by Major-Gen. G. H. B. Freeth, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Colonel of the Regt. Lt.-Col. A. H. Spooner, C.M.G., D.S.O., Comdg. 1st Bn. Lan. Fus., was in command of the Parade.

Adjutant, Capt. G. F. Page, D.S.O.

No. 1 Guard, Escort of the Colour, " D " Co.
Officer-in-Command, Major G. E. Tallents, D.S.O.
Subaltern, Lieut. E. A. Gordon.
Carrying the Colour, 2nd-Lieut. G. B. King.
Warrant Officer, C.S.M. A. E. Miner, M.M.

No. 2 Guard, " A " Co.
Officer-in-Command, Capt. H. F. Otway, M.C.
Subaltern, Lieut. L. O. Lyne.
2nd-Lt. J. J. M. Kenrick.
Warrant Officer, C.S.M. Thomas.

No. 3 Guard, " B " Co.
Officer-in-Command, Lt. H. Latham, M.C.
Subaltern, Lieut. C. W. Wood.
Lieut. R. S. Leamy.
Warrant Officer, C.S.M. B. Baines, D.C.M.

No. 4 Guard, " C " Co.
Officer-in-Command, Capt. R. McL. Armitage.
Subaltern, Lieut. W. H. Lees.
Lieut. A. J. O. Bridgeman.
Warrant Officer, C.S.M. H. Harrington.

Officers' Mess.

After the parade 250 of our visitors partook of light refreshments in the marquees on the ground, all those in any way connected with the Regiment remaining for lunch in the Mess. General Freeth, Col. Pearson, Col. Lees, Majors Watson and Collis-Browne, Capts. Peacock, Hawkins, Latter and Orrell stayed for dinner.

Sergeants' Mess.

The events in connection with this Mess appear in the Sergeants' Letter.

Corporals' Mess.

After lunch the Corporals were " at home " to their friends, the Corporals of the 1st Bn. 51st Foot, the K.O.Y.L.I. The fun commenced with a Comic Cricket Match, followed by a very serious match, " Red *versus* White Roses." Red won, I am glad to say, and Sir Edwin Stockton and Major Lupton have been notified. A most enjoyable tea, and then everyone commenced deep breathing exercises in preparation for the next event—a Smoking Concert. Some very good items were rendered by our own artistes and our guests, Cpl. Abbot's rendering of Tosti's " Good-bye " bringing the house down.

The programme terminated at 10 p.m., some overflowing and others as " full as they could be with safety."

Fusiliers.

Several impromptu games were in full swing in the afternoon, and in the evening a Sing-Song took place in the N.A.A.F.I.

On Monday, 2nd August, a very successful Dance was organised by the Dance

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Committee, all ranks being of opinion that this year's Minden celebrations were the best and most enjoyable since the war.

Minden greetings were received from the following, who were unable to attend:—Lt.-Gen. Sir Aylmer Hunter Weston, K.C.B., etc.; Brig.-Gen. and Mrs. Griffen, Col. Tidswell, Col. Gideon, Col. Benet, Major Davenport, Major Madeley, Capts. Harris, Avenall and Maurice Healy, Lieut. Shadwell. Lieuts. Manly and Firth sent greetings from India, and Lieut. J. J. Twist (since deceased) sent a wire from hospital.

Greetings were exchanged with the other Minden Regts.:—1st Bn. The Hampshire Regt., 1st Bn. The Suffolk Regt., 1st Bn. The K.O.S.B.'s, 1st Bn. The Royal Welch Fus., and 1st Bn. The K.O.Y.L.I.; also from the 2nd Bn. XX., 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Territorial Bns. XX., and the Depôt XX.

THE MEN THAT FOUGHT AT MINDEN.

Permission has been obtained from Mr. Rudyard Kipling, and of the publishers of "The Seven Seas" (Messrs. Methuen and Co., Ltd.), for the following poem to appear in the "Gallipoli Gazette." All "Minden Boys" will greatly appreciate Mr. Kipling's kindness.

A Song of Instruction.

Them that fought at Minden they was rookies in their time,
So was them that fought at Waterloo,
All the 'ole command—
Yuss, from Minden to Maiwand,
They was once dam' sweeps like you!

Then don't be dismayed, 'Eaven is your 'elper,
We'll learn you not to forget;
And you mustn't swear or curse,
Or you'll only catch it worse,
For we'll make you soldiers yet.

The men that fought at Minden, they 'ad stocks beneath their chins,
Six inches 'igh and more,
But fatigue it was their pride,
So they would not be denied,
To clean the cook-house floor.

The men that fought at Minden, they 'ad Anarchistic bombs
Served out to them by name of 'and-grenades,
But they got it in the eye
(Same as you will by-and-bye)
When they clubbed their field parades.

The men that fought at Minden, they 'ad buttons up an' down,
Two and twenty dozen of them told,
But they didn't growl and shirk
At an hour's extry work,
They kept 'em bright as gold.

The men that fought at Minden, they was armed with musketoons,
Also, they was drilled by 'alberdiers,
I don't know what they were,
But the sergeants took good care
They washed behind the ears.

The men that fought at Minden, they 'ad ever cash in 'and,
Which they did not bank nor save,
But spent it gay and free,
On their betters such as me,
For the good advice I gave.

The men that fought at Minden, they was civil—yes, they was,
Never didn't talk of rights an' wrongs,
But they got it with the toe
(Same as you will get it—so!)
For interrupting songs.

The men that fought at Minden, they was several other things
Which I don't remember clear;
But that's the reason why,
Now the six-year men are dry,
The rooks will stand the beer!

Then do not be discouraged, 'Eaven is your 'elper,
We'll learn you not to forget;
And you mustn't swear and curse,
Or you'll only catch it worse,
And we'll make you soldiers yet.

Soldiers yet, if you've got it in you,
All for the sake of the corps;
Soldiers yet, if we've got to skin you,
Run and get the beer, Johnnie Raw—Johnny Raw—
So run and get the beer, Johnny Raw.

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HISTORY OF THE REGIMENT.

Part II.

The Laurel Wreath.

The severe loss sustained by the Regiment at the Battle of Minden caused the following General Order to be issued by Prince Ferdinand :—

" MINDEN, *2nd August*, 1759

" Kingsley's Regiment of the British Line, from its severe loss, will cease to do duty."

But the zeal and *esprit de corps* which animated the survivors of the XX. is shown in the General Order dated :—

" MINDEN, *4th August*, 1759.

" Kingsley's Regiment at its own request will resume its portion of duty in the Line."

For its services at Minden the XX. was honoured by the " Laurel Wreath " being placed on its Colours, and appointments, as a never-failing memorial of its conduct in this glorious victory.

The Sphinx.

On the 22nd August, 1801, the XX. embarked in boats on the inundations and crossed from the East to the West side of Alexandria.

On the night of the 25th August, the 1st Bn. XX., commanded by Lt.-Col. Smyth, supported by some Dragoons and the 2nd Bn. XX., under Lt.-Col. Clephane, advanced to attack the enemy's outposts stationed on a ridge within 600 yds. of Fort des Bains. The 1st Bn. stormed the heights without firing a shot, bayoneting all the French who resisted. In spite of repeated bombardments and attacks by chosen bodies of French veterans, the 1st Bn. maintained the ground it had so gallantly won, for which service it was thanked in Orders by Major-General Coote.

For its distinguished service in Egypt in this campaign (1801), the XX. received the thanks of Parliament, the approbation of His Majesty King George III., and the Royal Authority to bear on its Colours the word " Egypt " with the Sphinx to commemorate its gallant conduct.

The Red Rose.

Since the Battle of Minden, 1st August, 1759, the rose has been the emblem of the Regiment, and on every recurring anniversary each member of the Regiment wears roses in his headdress.

For many years the majority of our recruits were obtained from Lancashire, and in 1881 the Regiment became the Lancashire Fusiliers.

All Lancashire men are proud of their county and its emblem—the Red Rose—and the Lancashire Fusiliers, whose ranks are filled with Lancashire men, regard the Red Rose in a threefold sense—the symbol of loyalty to His Majesty the King (The Duke of Lancaster), to the Regiment, and to the County.

In 1901 His Majesty King Edward VII. granted the honour to bear the Red Rose on our Colours.

The Yellow Hackle.

Up to the year 1881, when the Regiment was known as the XX. or East Devonshire Regiment, the colour of the facings was yellow. From 1688 to 1881 some of our most famous Generals, such as Hamilton, Wolfe, Kingsley, Ross of Bladensburg, Field-Marshal Lord Seaton, Radcliffe, Horn, etc., had served in the Regiment, and such honours as Dettingen, Minden, Maida, Corunna, Inkerman and Lucknow were obtained. In 1881, the new system of Territorial names for Units came into force, this necessitating an alteration in the facings of many Regiments. Royal Regiments were allotted blue, English Regiments white, Scotch (4 Bns.) yellow, Irish (1 Bn.) green, etc. Our facings were thus changed to white. To keep alive the old association of yellow facings with the XX. and in commemoration of the distinguished services of the Regiment in many campaigns, culminating in the brilliant action at Spion Kop, 24th January, 1901, the honour of wearing the hackle was granted by King Edward VII. The hackle, in colour primrose-yellow, was worn in the side of the busby (full dress), and when serving in the East in the side of the pith helmet. The 2nd Bn., at present serving in India, wear the hackle.

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The term "Fusilier," and the Grenade.

James II. organised an Ordnance Regiment for the protection of his Artillery, which finally became the Royal Fusiliers. The soldiers of this Regiment wore the same badge as the Artillery—a grenade—and were armed with the fusil or light musket. Hence the name *fusilier*, meaning an infantry soldier armed with a fusil.

In 1881 the XX. became the Lancashire Fusiliers. The helmet was replaced by the Fusilier cap and busby, the facings were changed, and the regimental badge (Sphinx and laurel wreath) was superimposed on a grenade—the badge of Fusilier Regiments.

The Regimental Motto—"Omnia Audax."

The origin of the motto—"Omnia Audax," meaning "Daring in all things"—is rather obscure. Previous to 1837 the crest on the plate in the Officers' Mess was XX. encircled by the laurel wreath. McLean's snuffbox, dated 1806, bears this crest. The plate, which I believe was purchased in 1837, bears the crest and motto combined, so evidently it was adopted some time between 1806 and 1837.

In 1901 a committee consisting of General Holdich—Colonel of the Regiment, the Colonels of the four Line Bns., and Colonel Lees Knowles, commanding 3rd Vol. Bn., petitioned His Majesty King Edward VII. for permission to adopt "Omnia Audax" (as the motto of the Regt.) and the Red Rose, both to be borne on the Colours, and for permission to wear the Hackle in the headdress. Earl Roberts, who was then C.-in-C., gave the casting vote in our favour.

The motto and the Red Rose appeared for the first time at the beginning of the honours in the official Army List of the month of August, 1901.

Succession of Lieutenant-Colonels Commanding 1st Bn. XX.

1749 Lt.-Col. James Wolfe
1758 Lt.-Col. John Beckwith
1763 Lt.-Col. John Maxwell
1770 Lt.-Col. John Parr
1776 Lt.-Col. John Lind
1794 Lt.-Col. David Markham
1795 Lt.-Col. Forbes Champagne
1795 Lt.-Col. David Clepham
1799 Lt.-Col. George Smyth
1799 Lt.-Col. Joseph Brooke
1801 Lt.-Col. Manly Power
1802 Lt.-Col. Robert Ross
1809 Lt.-Col. Andrew Wauchope
1813 Lt.-Col. Charles Stevens
1818 Lt.-Col. Samuel South
1820 Lt.-Col. James Ogilvie
1826 Lt.-Col. Henry Thomas
1841 Lt.-Col. William N. Hutchinson
1846 Lt.-Col. Frederick Horn
1849 Lt.-Col. Arthur A. T. Cunnynghame
1855 Lt.-Col. Frederick C. Evelegh
1858 Lt.-Col. John Cormick
1868 Lt.-Col. Alexander H. Cobb
1869 Lt.-Col. David L. Colthurst
1872 Lt.-Col. William L. D. Meares
1878 Lt.-Col. Frederick L. Edridge
1883 Lt.-Col. Thomas H. Clarkson
1887 Lt.-Col. James Smyth
1889 Lt.-Col. William Glencross
1893 Lt.-Col. F. W. Birch
1897 Lt.-Col. G. L. E. May
1901 Lt.-Col. C. D. Wallington
1905 Lt.-Col. J. H. Gideon
1909 Lt.-Col. E. C. Tidswell, D.S.O.
1913 Lt.-Col. H. V. S. Ormond
1916 Lt.-Col. T. H. Wade, D.S.O.
1920 Lt.-Col. C. de Putron
1924 Lt.-Col. A. H. Spooner, C.M.G., D.S.O.

3rd Bn. Special Reserve.

The 7th Royal Lancashire Rifle Corps was raised during the Crimean War. In 1881 it became the 3rd Bn. Lancashire Fusiliers. On April 1st, 1891, the 3rd Bn. was formed into two Battalions—3rd and 4th Militia Bns. XX. On the raising of the 3rd Regular Bn. in 1898, the 3rd Militia Bn. was renumbered the 5th Bn. The 5th Bn. served with distinction in the South African War.

In 1904 the Bn. was reduced from 10 Companies to 8.

In 1908 the name "Special Reserve" was substituted for "Militia," but the conditions of service remained practically the same, except that officers and men could be sent overseas in case of a National emergency, without their being asked to volunteer—as was the case with the Militia.

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In the following year the 3rd and 4th Regular Bns. having been disbanded, the Bn. reverted to its old number, 3rd. In consequence of this new Colours were issued, and these were presented to the Bn. by Col. R. J. Tudway, C.B., D.S.O., Commanding No. 3 District, at Roose Camp, Barrow-in-Furness, during the Annual Training, 1913.

On mobilisation being ordered in 1914, the Bn. proceeded to Hull, on the 8th August, and remained in this Area during the whole of the war, training and drafting officers and other ranks to the Battalions overseas.

4th Bn. Special Reserve.

On 1st April, 1891, the 3rd "Militia" Bn. was formed into two Bns. of eight Companies each, being named the 3rd and 4th Militia Bns. XX. On the raising of the 4th Regular Bn. in 1899 the 4th Bn. was renumbered the 6th, and was commanded by Col. F. C. Romer.

The 6th Bn. proceeded to South Africa in February, 1900, and served with distinction throughout the campaign. In 1908 the name "Special Reserve" was substituted for "Militia," the conditions of service being as for the 3rd Bn..

In 1909 the 3rd and 4th Regular Bns. having been disbanded, the Bn. was renumbered the 4th. On the outbreak of the Great War, in 1914, the 4th Bn. proceeded to Barrow-in-Furness, and afterwards to Barry Dock. Like the 3rd S. R. Bn., its work consisted of training and drafting officers and men to the Bns. overseas.

7th Territorial Bn. The Lancashire Fusiliers.

The Bn. was raised in 1859, as the 56th Lancashire (Salford) Rifle Volunteer Corps.

On the renumbering of the County Corps, in September, 1880, it became the 17th Lancashire (Salford) Rifle Volunteers; in 1886 the 3rd Volunteer Bn. The Lancashire Fusiliers; and in turn the 7th Bn. The Lancashire Fusiliers.

On the outbreak of the Great War it formed part of the 42nd (East Lancashire) Division, the first Territorial Division to leave these shores, and was among the first re-inforcements to reach Gallipoli. General Sir Ian Hamilton says of the Division :—

". . . In the regions of time and space the Dardanelles enterprise forms only a trifling part of the record of this Division; but, in the sphere of the imagination, that part will be reckoned by Lancastrians yet unborn as the most precious heirloom bequeathed to them by the generation who fought the Great War."

The Bn. fought with great distinction on the Western Front from February, 1917, until the Armistice, taking part in all the engagements fought by the Division.

120 of its members received honours and awards for gallantry in the field.

CALENDAR OF REGIMENTAL HISTORY.

OCTOBER.

1st	1750	XX. under Wolfe arrive Dundee.
	1887	1st and 3rd V.B. inspected by Duke of Cambridge at Salford.
2nd	1799	First Battle of Egmont-op-Zee. Battle Honour on Colours.
3rd	1691	Surrender of Limerick.
4th	1855	XX. embarked at Kazatch for Kinburn (Crimea).
	1917	9th Bn. attack at Stroombeck.
	1918	1st Bn. in capture of Ledeghem.
	1918	2nd Bn. forced crossing over Trinquis Brook, East of Arras.
5th	1710	Skirmish at Ardilla.
6th	1799	Second Battle of Egmont-op-Zee.
7th	1777	Battle of Stillwater (America).
	1813	Passage of the Bidassoa.
	1902	2nd Bn. left South Africa for England.
8th	1858	Skirmish at Meangunge (India).
9th	1898	2nd Bn. left Egypt for Crete.
	1917	1st and 2nd Bn. attack side by side at Poelcapelle.
	1917	3/5th, 2/6th, 2/7th and 2/8th Bns. at Paschendael.
10th	1854	Beginning of Siege of Sebastopol.
11th	1776	Action at Valcour Island (America).
12th	1914	Capture of Meteren.
	1916	2nd Bn. attack at Le Transloy.
	1918	10th Bn. in capture of Neuvilly. Pte. Lester awarded the Victoria Cross.

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13th	1812	XX. left Cork for Portugal.
14th	1918	1st Bn. engaged at Ledeghem.
15th	1855	XX. landed at Kinburn (Crimea).
16th	1760	Battle of Kloster Kampen.
17th	1854	Bombardment of Sebastopol.
	1918	2/5th Bn. crossed Hantay Deule Canal.
	1855	Fall of Fort Kinburn.
18th	1900	Skirmish at Honings Spruit (Boer War).
	1914	2nd Bn. attack Le Touquet.
19th		
20th	1756	Detachment XX. in aid of Civil Power at Stroud.
	1918	1st Bn. crossed the Lys.
21st	1757	Wolfe promoted Colonel.
	1916	11th Bn. attack in Somme Battle.
	1919	2nd Bn. embarked at Liverpool for India.
22nd	1881	2nd Bn. landed at Bombay from England.
	1917	17th and 18th Bns. engaged at Houthulst Forest.
23rd	1916	2nd Bn. attack at Le Transloy.
24th	1879	2nd Bn. arrive at Kingstown from England.
25th	1854	Battle of Balaclava.
26th	1854	Skirmish at Sebastopol.
	1865	Lieut. J. Smyth and detachment of 2nd Bn. handed over Taku Forts to the Chinese Government.
	1918	2nd Bn. attack at Artres and crossed the Rhonelle River.
27th	1898	2nd Bn. in camp at Kandia (Crete) washed away.
28th	1812	XX. landed at Corunna.
	1902	2nd Bn. arrived in England from South Africa.
29th	1807	Wreck of the *Windermere* with Headquarters XX. on board.
30th	1901	5th Bn. returned to England from South Africa.
31st	1793	XX. landed at San Domingo.

NOVEMBER.

1st		
2nd	1854	Attack on trenches at Sebastopol.
	1918	15th Bn. at Happegarbe. Sgt. Clarke awarded Victoria Cross.
3rd	1805	XX. sailed from Malta for Naples.
4th	1858	Action at Poorwar (Indian Mutiny).
	1918	15th and 16th Bns. in action at Sambre, Oise Canal. Lieut.-Col. Marshall, Irish Guards, Comdg. 16th Bn., awarded Victoria Cross.
5th	1854	Battle of Inkerman. Battle Honour on Colours.
6th	1761	Skirmish at Embeck (Seven Years' War).
	1914	Skirmish at Ploegsteert Wood.
7th	1914	German attack at Ploegsteert Wood repulsed.
8th	1858	Skirmish at Morah Mhow (Indian Mutiny).
	1910	2nd Bn. in aid of Civil Power, South Wales.
9th	1858	Affair at Fort Simree.
	1914	German attack at Ploegsteert Wood repulsed.
10th	1813	Battle of Nivelle (Peninsular).
11th	1918	Armistice Day.
12th	1859	4,000 rebels surrendered to 1st Bn. in Oudh (Indian Mutiny).
	1919	2nd Bn. arrived in India from England.
13th	1878	1st Bn. left Canada for Cyprus.
14th	1852	Funeral of Duke of Wellington.
15th	1906	4th Bn. disbanded.
16th		
17th	1858	Skirmish at Berah.
	1769	General Kingsley (XX.) died.
18th	1854	Great storm in Crimea.
19th	1857	1st Bn. arrived in Calcutta from England.
	1863	2nd Bn. arrived in Calcutta from England.
20th	1688	XX. raised at Exeter by Sir Robert Peyton.
	1917	Battle of Cambrai.
21st	1863	2nd Bn. left Calcutta for Hong-Kong.
	1864	Assassination of Major Baldwin and Lieut. Bird at Yokohama.
	1915	19th Bn. arrived in France.
22nd	1805	XX. disembarked at Naples from Malta.
23rd	1876	1st Bn. left Bermuda for Halifax, N.S.
24th	1858	Action at Buxer Ghat.
25th	1871	Headquarters 2nd Bn. embarked at Mauritius for Ireland.
26th	1900	6th Bn. in action at Luckhoff (Boer War).
27th	1907	1st Bn. embarked at Malta for India.
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29th	1901	3rd Bn. left Malta for Jamaica.
30th	1917	1st Bn. in German counter-attack at Masnieres.

DECEMBER.

1st		
2nd	1854	Sortie from Sebastopol.
3rd	1899	2nd Bn. left England for South Africa.
4th	1866	Headquarters 1st Bn. left Calcutta for England.
	1898	2nd Bn. left Crete for Malta.
	1918	1st Bn. crossed German Frontier.
5th	1872	Four Companies left South Africa for Ireland.
6th		
7th	1898	2nd Bn. arrived in Malta from Crete.
8th		
9th	1813	Passage of the River Nive (Peninsular).
10th	1813	Action at Barouilhet (Peninsular).
11th	1760	XX. went into Winter Quarters at Munster (Germany).
12th	1869	1st Bn. arrived at Kingstown from England.
13th	1878	1st Bn. arrived in Cyprus from Canada.
	1900	2nd Bn. in action Scheepers Nek.
	1918	1st Bn. entered Cologne.
14th		
15th	1755	Wolfe's orders issued at Canterbury.
16th		
17th		
18th	1866	Four Companies 1st Bn. embarked at Calcutta for England.
19th	1901	Skirmish at Kaffir Spruit.
20th		
21st	1854	Sortie from Sebastopol.
22nd	1870	Four Companies 2nd Bn. embarked at Port Louis, Mauritius, for South Africa.
23rd	1809	Night march of XX. to seize bridge over River Carrion (Peninsular).
24th		
25th	1809	Commencement of Retreat to Corunna.
26th	1858	Action at Churda (Indian Mutiny).
27th	1808	Action at Benevente (Peninsular).
	1858	Capture of Fort Musjidia (Indian Mutiny).
28th	1745	Commencement of seige of Carlisle.
29th	1808	Second action at Benevente.
30th	1836	XX. left India for England.
31st	1858	Skirmish at Bankee (Indian Mutiny).

OLD COMRADES' NOTES.

One very pleasing feature of the *Gazette* is that it is putting us in touch with many of our old comrades in all parts of the Empire. Letters are being received from Malaya, Palestine, India and Canada; also from our old comrades who are settled in the United Kingdom. The Old Comrades' Association is going full-speed ahead, and in the Bn. 302 of our rank and file are members:—"A" Co., 27; "B" Co., 83; "C" Co., 57; "D" Co., 42; H.Q. Co., 93—Total 302. The objects of the Association are (1) to keep our old friends who have left the Service in touch with each other and serving members, and (2) to help those in distress. The annual subscription is only 2s. 6d., and it would greatly help the Association if more men joined. C.Q.M.S. Johnson, "B" Co., will gladly supply any information *re* the O.C.A.

Obituary notices appear *elsewhere.*

6, DALLAS STREET,
PRESTON,

13th Sept., 1926.

DEAR SIR,

I have attached a few particulars of old soldiers who have died recently. I had a letter from the President of the R.E. Old Comrades' Association, asking how we got over the General Strike business in regard to offering our services to help. They have had trouble in some branches through (1) offering their services; and (2) because services were not offered. I replied to the effect that our Association took no general action, it being left to members to act as they desired. My own opinion is that as an Old Comrades' Association existing for the purpose of keeping in touch with our old Regiment, and the majority of the non-serving members being pensioners, there is no doubt about what action should be taken—to support the Crown.

If members belonging to a Union are called out on strike, they cannot help it; but I am certain that none of ours fixed like that would resign his membership simply because another member had acted as a special constable, or porter, etc.

Yours respectfully, Sir,
A. HOLT.

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(NOTE.—The very fine sentiments expressed in the above letter will no doubt appeal to our readers, especially those who will shortly be leaving the Colours for civilian life.—ED.)

NO. 2 ARMOURED CAR COMPANY,
ROYAL AIR FORCE,
RAMLEH,
PALESTINE,

27th August, 1926.

DEAR SIR,

Major R. R. Willis, V.C., has recently introduced me to issues Nos. 1 and 2 of your Magazine, and I should be honoured if you would number me amongst your subscribers for the next and subsequent issues. I enclose p.o. value 3s. for the first year's subscription.

As an ex-—might I say " old "—Fusilier, it gave me great pleasure to renew, if only on paper, the acquaintance of several old comrades, chiefly C.S.M. Bert Shipwright, C.S.M. Miner, M.M., and Sgt. Balme. There are others whose names seem familiar, but disguised with unfamiliar ranks are difficult to place.

'Tis an old saying that " the first love is the best love," and although for upwards of ten years I have owed allegiance to the R.F.C. and R.A.F., yet in spirit I have always been with " th'owd batt.," and it is my one regret in life that for medical reasons I was unable to rejoin them in '14.

I had the honour of serving in all four Battalions—4th, 3rd, 1st, 2nd, and Depôt Staff, in that order. My last station was The Citadel Barracks, Dover. You can't call Bury a station, it is only a " Rest "—that I was so soaked in the spirit of the L.F.'s that I'll never be dry again : I don't know that I want to be.

In conclusion, I should be much obliged if you would make it known that letters from old friends will be very welcome. I undertake to answer them all, so let 'em all come.

Yours sincerely,
J. JOHNSON,
Flight Sergeant.

Late 8704 Corporal L.F.

Obituary Notices.

Lieut. J. J. TWIST.

In a Manchester Hospital, following an operation for appendicitis, gangrene set in, and he died from cardiac failure on 12th August, 1926.

It was with real sorrow that the Regiment heard of the sudden death of Lieut. J. J. Twist. Born on 15th October, 1893, he was educated at the Salesian College, Mayfield, Sussex, and Battersea Park, London. From Battersea Park he went to the Salesian School, Farnborough, Hants., his intention being to become a priest. Unfortunately, at the age of 19, his health broke down, and he had to leave Farnborough. A wonderful linguist, he spoke French and German fluently, also Latin and Greek, and had no difficulty in obtaining a post as a teacher of English at a school at Cassel, Germany. Feeling in Germany at the time was very anti-English, and he had to seek protection from the Consul at Cassel. He enlisted in the Dublin Fusiliers on 9th November, 1914, being promoted Corporal, then Sergeant, and finally receiving his commission in the XX. (all in the space of seven weeks), being posted to the 11th Bn. Lan. Fus. In November, 1915, he was drafted to the 9th Bn. in Egypt, and took part in the evacuation of the Peninsular.

In June, 1916, he landed in France, and was present during the Battle of the Somme.

During an attack on the 26th September, 1916, he was wounded in the right leg, but managed to stick it until the " strafe " was over. He spent a short period at the Ministry of Pensions tribunal, holding the acting rank of Major. Reporting for duty with the 1st Bn. at Blackdown in October, 1919, he served with the Bn. during the troublous times in Ireland, and in 1920 organised and commanded the Dublin District Trench Mortar Bat-

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tery. Retiring in 1922, he became a Unionist Political Agent.

No mean pianist, he excelled as an organist and frequently played the organ at Brompton Oratory. As a man he was a most genial and amusing companion, and in the best sense of the word, a good fellow; and as such will be sincerely regretted by all who were fortunate enough to know him.

The funeral took place at the local cemetery. Two Officers and six N.C.O.'s represented the Regiment, the N.C.O.'s acting as bearers. Thirty wreaths were sent by the following :— Officers, Lan. Fus.; W.O.'s, N.C.O.'s and Men, Lan. Fus.; Officers, Depôt Lan. Fus.; W.O.'s, N.C.O.'s and Men Depôt Lan. Fus.; Capt. and Mrs. Heap, Blackpool; Capt. Cotton, Salford; Major Thornton; and from the various Societies and Conservative Associations in Lancashire and Cheshire. Over 300 people, besides the Conservative delegates, were at the cemetery to pay their respects to his memory.

The following old soldiers of the Regiment have died since the last issue of the *Gazette*.

ANDREW SALTER.—Served in the Regt. from 19/6/1860 to 22/11/1887. In his later years of service was C.O.'s orderly. A big man, over 6 ft. in height, was the picture of a soldier on parade. As showing the difference in awarding character in those days, although leaving the Army with 4 G.C. badges, he was assessed as "latterly good."

JEREMIAH FENLON.—Served in 2nd Bn. from 18/4/59 to 12/6/77, when invalided. One of the decreasing number who served in Japan with the Bn.

JOSEPH EDWARD SLATTERY.—Late Colour-Sergeant. Served 13 years in the Royal Irish Fus. and 8 in the Lan. Fus. Served in South Africa with the 5th Bn. during South African War. Served in the Great War in the Military Police.

JOSEPH MOSS.—Late 4th Bn. (disbanded). Served 16½ years in the Regt., from 1/9/1885 to 6/2/1902. Served with 2nd Bn. in India and South Africa.

SUTHERLANDSHIRE TOWARDS THE END OF SEPTEMBER.

(*Continued from* No. 2 "*Gazette.*")

I got it up into the aim, but could see nothing but a sea of bent grass stems waving in front of the foresight. Just as I was thinking that I should have to roll over sideways into another position, a strong breeze sprang up and blew the grass down so that I could see over it, and I just got off my shot in time. Up we jumped and rushed to the stag, which had fallen at the shot and rolled over the side of the hill out of sight. He had, however, only gone about 10 yds. and we found him lying stone-dead.

The bullet (.256 Mannlicher) had hit him in ribs and raked him right forward, cutting his hair into shreds.

After bleeding and gralloching him (not omitting to christen him), we were ready for the pony, which arrived in a very short time.

The stalker put his coat over the pony's head (many of them object to the deer being placed on their backs), the stag was securely roped on the deer saddle, and the procession started homewards. After a short time the pony parted company with us and went round to the road by the bothy whence we had started, while we took a shorter cut.

On our way home we saw a lot of deer galloping along out of the next beat, having evidently been startled. They would pass down wind of us, and the stalker and I hid behind a big rock where we were quite invisible.

No sooner had they got our wind (and they were quite 600 yards away) than the whole

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herd stopped, turned round and galloped back, which shows how keen is their sense of smell.

The whole stalk had taken just over 4 hours, and a most interesting one it had been. The stag was a 9-pointer and weighed 16 stone "clean." There is no sport which, in my opinion, can rival it as training for an Infantry Officer or scout.

You are opposed by an animal with wonderful sight, hearing and scenting powers—yet a stalker will almost always get you to within 100 yards of the stag: an invaluable object lesson in the use of ground.

Even the shooting itself, though often at 100 yards or less, is difficult in many cases. You are not lying on a firing point at known range, with a clearly defined bull's-eye to aim at, but have probably been going hard for some time up steep hills, or lying shivering for ages in a wet peat hagg, with the stag across a valley in a bad light with the background very much like himself, and probably in a by no means comfortable position yourself.

It is also an extraordinary good test of eyesight to pick up deer probably at a mile or more. The way a stalker will pick out a good stag (when you can hardly see if there is one there at all) is marvellous. Some people will say, "Yes, but how much better sport it would be if you stalked the stag yourself." Quite right, but unfortunately in Scotland you have two facts to contend with which you have not abroad. The first is that you are surrounded by other forests, and the second that in each forest there is, as mentioned before, a sanctuary. Unless you know the ground thoroughly and the tricks of the wind in each corrie from whatever direction it blows, you will do indefinite harm to the forest and spoil it for some time.

I asked a stalker about this one day, and he said, "Some years ago there was a gentleman who said he would go stalking by himself, so he set off with the ghillie leading the pony. He got near a stag, wounded it, and followed it into the sanctuary, the boundaries of which he did not know, and fired at it again in the sanctuary, which was full of deer. They all stampeded and were seen next day in a forest thirty miles away."

One more story. I asked a stalker in Inverness-shire, if many people wore kilts there? He said, "There is a gentleman who comes from London once a year in the winter with an axe and climbs Ben Nevis. He then comes down again and goes back to London. He is the only gentleman who wears the kilt." Certainly the ridges are terrific in September, at anything below 1,000 ft. It is a great pity that the rents of forests are so huge that the average officer can only get this admirable training if he is lucky enough to be asked to a forest as a guest.

N.B.—A deer "forest" is an area of hills and valleys (or corries), and usually is guiltless of containing a single tree.

T.S.

A PILGRIM IN DOVER.

From Palestine to Dover is not a long journey—just a week—but the contrast between the two places is immense.

Palestine is becoming settled and prosperous under our rule, the road is good, and 30,000 of the "original settlers" are returning to the land we are so kindly minding for them.

But, to look at, the country is bare, desolate, brown and dried up. The crops are in the valleys, but all the way along to Jerusalem, about 3,000 ft. up, the road runs between the "stony places" of the Bible. He must have been a "good sower" indeed, who did not waste his seed among thorns and stones.

France gives the pilgrim a pleasant feeling of impatience—it is well enough—but ——. When the old cliffs of Dover loom through the haze, all so well remembered in days of "Leave to U.K.," we know that behind them is Kent. Eastern poets and Western novelists often quote a saying about Oriental beauty spots:—

"If there is a paradise on earth, it is this."

Well, they don't know the "Garden of England" in spring, or they would not make such a fatuous remark.

The Pilgrim's thoughts, when he actually found the old XX. holding the top of the hill, in the new barracks named for some obscure reason after a province of Ireland, resembled those of Richard when he saw Jerusalem.

Even the hideous Home Service uniform (which is meant for War, not Peace) cannot conceal the Fusilier from the pilgrim, as those

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particular Fusiliers breathe smartness out and do not have to have it knocked into them. Believe a pilgrim! But the train would not wait (pilgrims travel by train in modern times, just as Company Commanders ride, or try to, on the march).

When, in April, the Pilgrim, well fed and with neatly patched robes, at length reached his goal, a great content beset him. What do such do on reaching a shrine, but visit each remembered sight and relic. Time and personality disappear, and the *Semper Eadem*, the unchanging spirit of The Regiment, pervades the scene.

It is like a visit to some home of youth, where even the books and pictures seem to smile a greeting. If youth could but realise the rare privilege and foresee the relentless passage of time, with what intensity he would cling to his regimental life. Honours, position, fame, money may be snatched away in a day, but nothing can snatch away the strength of a long association with a splendid, united, undying institution.

As the Pilgrim once more sets out on his journey towards the East, with its insistent call, his eyes are fixed on the hills above Dover, and his thoughts on what they contain.

PEREGRINUS.

THE BATTLEFIELDS OF MONS AND LE CATEAU IN 1926.

(Continued from No. 2 "Gazette.")

The Battle of Le Cateau.

Three days after the Battle of Mons came Le Cateau, where the II. Corps which had been heavily engaged at Mons again held up the German advance. This battle is of especial interest to the Regiment, as it was here that the 2nd Bn. first came into action with the 4th Division, and earned the battle honour "Le Cateau" for the Regiment.

The battle is remarkable in that, owing to changes of orders and uncertainty of communications, many Brigades expecting to retire early in the morning were occupying positions unsuitable for defence when attacked on 26th August. This was especially the case with the Artillery of the 3rd and 5th Divisions, which were disposed in line without depth, and so were very ill-placed for fighting a rearguard action. Many infantry lessons of great value are to be learnt from this battle, and can be shown very clearly on the ground, which is everywhere open and rolling downland, interspersed with compact villages, each clustering round its church spire.

The country is remarkably little changed since 1914.

The first lesson to be learnt was the vital necessity of local reconnaissance by every Commander.

The Right of the Line.

On the right of the 5th Div. was the 13th Inf. Bde. facing the Roman Road to Cambrai and overlooking Le Cateau.

They were on the top of a plateau which fell steeply away to the right, but apparently not a man knew that a deep ravine ran up from Le Cateau to their right rear, and this was left unwatched. In the afternoon the Germans infiltrated up this ravine, got in behind the 13th Bde., which was pinned to the ground by M.G. fire from their front, and gravely menaced the whole line.

Another lesson. The Suffolks and K.O.Y.L.I. of the 13th Bde., lightly entrenched in the open, suffered severely from German machine guns in a sunken road to their front, whose fire they could not subdue.

The Manchesters were ordered to reinforce them, and to do so by advancing over the open to their trenches. They were, of course, mown down before they got near them.

The Left of the Line—the 2nd Bn. XX.

To turn now to the left of the line, where was the 4th Division, and with it the 2nd Lan. Fus.

Some personal narrative may be permitted here, as the writer was a platoon commander in "A" Co. at the time.

The Bn. having marched all night arrived on an open plateau at dawn, north of the village of Hancourt. The Bn. deployed and dug in with the entrenching tool.

No. 3 Platoon (the writer's) was on the right of the Bn. line, and 200 yds. down a forward slope; No. 4 Platoon was 100 yds. on our left, and the rest of the Bn. out of sight. The ground sloped gently down to a wood, about 800 yds. to our front. While we were digging in, the 1st Bn. The King's

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Own formed up in close column on our right near the top of the crest, in full view of the wood in front. Suddenly fire opened from several machine guns from the wood, on the King's Own, who were thrown into confusion for a moment and then returned the fire.

On the outbreak of fire my men threw themselves into the trenches (lying down ones dug with the entrenching tool), and I ordered rapid fire at the wood. The enemy then opened on us with machine guns and shrapnel. We endured this for some hours, and the enemy then appeared in the trench of No. 4 Platoon and enfiladed us from about 100 yds. off. We then retired up the hill with the Germans after us firing from the hip. Nine of us eventually rejoined the Bn. The following lessons seem indicated :—

(i.) A forward slope gives a good field of fire but it is a nasty place to get out of, and once the show starts you need not expect any messages.

(ii.) Never in war think you are safe. The King's Own did, and suffered for it.

(iii.) If the entrenching tool had been taken away before 1914 this article would not have been written. Neither would it if the Germans had learnt to take a steady aim and not fired from the hip.

To revert to the general subject. The impression gained on the tour, and on recent training, was that many of the lessons taught by these battles *have* been learnt, and that if the spirit remains the same, the Army of to-day should have little to fear.

As for the tour itself, it was remarkably well organised and of the greatest value and interest.

G.F.P.

MILITARY HORSE SHOW AND GYMKHANA.

Held under the auspices of the Dover Garrison, at the Danes, on 28th July, the proceeds to be divided between military and civil charities. This show, which is regarded as one of the chief social functions of the year, was attended by all the Officers and ladies of the Garrison. The Mayor and Mayoress (Comdr. T. Bodley Scott, R.N., and Mrs. T. Bodley Scott) and members of the Town Council and Entertainments Committee also attended.

Mrs. E. B. Hankey, the wife of Colonel Comdt. E. B. Hankey, D.S.O., was "At Home" during the afternoon.

The Battalion managed to hold its own against the rest, the results of the various competitions being as follows :—

Class 1.—*Unit Transport Team. Best all-round turn-out* (1 *L.G. wagon and* 2 *prs. mules,* 1 *G.S. wagon and* 1 *pr. animals*).

1st (Silver Cup), 1st Bn. The Lan. Fus.

Class 4.—*Government Chargers.*

1st, "Peter" (Lt.-Col. R. Luker, C.M.G., M.C., 1st Lan. Fus., owner), Groom, Lce.-Cpl. Bentley. Prize, large Silver Cigarette Case.

3rd, "Jimmy" (Capt. R. McL. Armitage, 1st Lan. Fus., owner), Groom, Fus. Heywood. Prize, Combination Knife.

Class 11.—*Officers' Chargers. Handiest Government Horse.*

1st, "Dolly" (Capt. G. F. Page, D.S.O., 1st Lan. Fus., owner rider). Prize, Silver Cup.

2nd, "Queenie" (Capt. H. F. Otway, M.C., 1st Lan. Fus., owner), rider, Lieut. J. E. Slattery.

Class 12.—*Mules Scurry.*

1st, "Harry," rider, Fus. Murray. Prize, Ascot Gold Cup.

AN OPEN LETTER TO "C" Co. FROM R.R.W.

(Major R. R. Willis, V.C.)

DEAR "C" COMPANY,

It was a great pleasure to me to be present at the Gallipoli Sports, and to see what I had a right to expect—that the Company took the lion's share of the prizes. In my time the task was in some ways harder even, as there were seven other hungry units waiting to put us down. And rightly so !

You might like to know what I mean by "my time."

Well, I took over command of "C" Co. in 1899, in Crete. We were all young in those days, the Battalion only left England in 1898, and the young are bound to make mistakes. We made plenty of them, and profited so that in 1915 there were no more to make. Our colours in those days were red, to show we were out for blood ! Later, when colours were worked on a system, we

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became black and yellow in squares. Black and yellow was used for everything.

In Crete we used to have Battalion bathing parade on the long beach, dress "nil," but owing to a sad accident four of the Company and two other men were drowned by the undertow. As Padres were extra out there, I had to perform the service, a young and inexperienced parson. One day I hope to visit the little cemetery near Kandia, where four of us are waiting for révéille.

Crete was a lovely station, with lots to do; but after a year we left and returned to Malta.

1901. In Floriana barracks we were not so well off, the country is bad and the "hells," drink shops, etc., were many: but we pulled through. The American Fleet visited Malta on the way to the Phillipines, and came to see us drill. We trooped the Colour, which surprised them. Their words of command were quaint:—"Out of two, make four. Git!" and "Form lump to the N.W." I leave the O.C. "C" Co. to translate that into modern drill. We wore khaki, white belts and pouches and valises, all of which took a lot of cleaning, especially for Guard. In the winter we wore red, but not hackles in our helmets. We started the rampart race, Mr. Blencowe, of "C" Co., was one of those who revived it in Crete, and off and on it was kept up till 1914, when some 450 out of 600 started, and Barnes, of "C" Co., did 7 miles in 42 minutes.

1903. After Malta we visited Gibraltar, but I must tell you here that before we finally left Malta for India, in 1907, we "lay" in every barracks in Malta and Gozo. Gozo is a small island north of Malta, where Capt. Bromley swam the 3 mile channel against a strong race or cross-current—still a record.

We had as usual a fine Band, old soldiers under Mr. Rogers; while the Drum Major was 6 ft. 5 ins., Sergt. Brice. The Regimental Sergeant-Major was Hanson, a father in every way to his flock. Colour-Sergeant Hodghon became Pay Sergeant when we went to Malta, succeeding Dooley, who went with Appleby now Captain) to drill the Riffs! Hodghon was an excellent man, enlisted in '89, a strong drill, and could instruct in everything. He left the Company in India, in '09, to the regret of all. In Gibraltar we were joined by two Subalterns, who are well known—2nd-Lieut. Blencowe was in the Company until 1914, when he joined the 2nd Bn. from leave, in Dover; 2nd-Lieut. Collison Morley was with us till we went to India, when he was transferred to the Buffs. He was a great artist, and called us "the Company with the good-looking Lance-Corporals." Handsome was as handsome did! Many of his pictures were taken from men of the Company.

We took strongly to hockey at this time, and kept it up till the late war. I hope it is again going strong—it is the best game abroad, as hard grounds suit it. There were many Guards in Gibraltar. Two Officers' Guards (one a Captain's) and about six others. On a duty day the whole Battalion seemed to be going on or coming off Guard—a strenuous business. Nearly all are now done away with. We ended up at North Front, a strip of "neutral" ground between the Fortress Gates and Spain. England borrowed about 2,000 yds. of this for games and musketry, and there we had two Companies, "A" and "C" (old style), and a very jolly time. We used to practice against "sea attacks," and the Company spent many happy hours trying to put up a heavy cable in the sea as an obstacle to boats: it meant a lot of swimming, but luckily the attack (Russian, 1904) never reached us.

About this time the Army Temperance Association (now the R.A.T.A.) was formed, and many men joined. We decided to have a Company picnic in Spain for the A.T.A. members of the Co., and for those who had not had a meeting with the C.O.

Special permission was obtained for the Troops to land in Spain, great preparations were made, and a large and cheery party crossed over in the big ferry boat to Algeciras. Thence the party walked out to the waterfalls, a beautiful place at the foot of the hills, among the trees. After a bathe and some exhibition diving, came the lunch, which took a long time. Then came games, walks and more bathing. But at tea the Company seemed to have shrunk. The whips had failed to see small parties making off. Alas! When we got back to Algeciras we found that although the A.T.A. rules prohibited beer and spirits, WINE was not mentioned. The day was hot, and certain members had tried the local vino when it was red, and found it good. On arrival at

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Gibraltar we had to use some of the non-teetotalers to carry the wine-bibbers from the ship. Many A.T.A. picnics took place later, but WINE was added to the list of prohibited drinks.

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DANCE NOTES.

The usual weekly dances have been held each Wednesday night from 8 to 11. Owing to the counter-attractions in the town, they have not been quite so successful as in the previous quarter. Now that the season of festivities is practically finished we are looking forward to an increase in numbers, especially of the fair sex. The Dance Committee, consisting of Sgt. Morris, Lce.-Sgt. Johnson, Cpls. Maxwell and Billingham, and Lce.-Cpl. Johnson are to be congratulated on their efforts to make these dances successful. Without good M.C.'s these dances tend to develop into " hops," which are not enjoyed by the dancers or the orchestra.

Credit must also be given to Lce.-Cpl. and Mrs. McMahon for the decoration of the hall and the excellent cloakroom arrangements. The first Fancy Dress Dance takes place on the 20th October.

THE MACHINE GUN PLATOON, 1920—1926.

So many changes have taken place in the Platoon since its formation, that it is perhaps wise to review the events of the past six years while they remain fresh in our memory. Otherwise at some future date there may be a blank page in our history.

According to " Peace Establishments," we are No. 2 Group of H.Q. Wing, and form, we are told, an integral part of an Infantry Batallion.

During 1919 it was decided, partly on grounds of economy, to disband The Machine Gun Corps, and to place Machine Guns under the direct control of Commanding Officers of Infantry and Cavalry Units. In accordance with War Office instructions, certain Officers and N.C.O.'s were selected to attend nucleus courses of instruction at Seaford, which was then the home of the Machine Gun School. The course, although not " qualifying," was intended to give Officers and N.C.O.'s a sufficient amount of knowledge of the gun to enable them to carry out instructional work at a later date, under the supervision of the Machine Gun School Staff. The Officer-in-Charge of the party sent from this Bn. was Major (then Captain) Slingsby, M.C.

When the Seaford Course terminated the party moved to Risboro' Lines, Shorncliffe, and were attached to " E " Co., 3rd Depôt Bn. Machine Gun Corps. There they were joined by a party of N.C.O.'s and men who were sent across from North Dublin Union. The stay at Shorncliffe was devoted to initial instruction in gun work, the actual firing taking place at Hythe. Only those who have actually doubled four hundred yards on the famous Hythe shingle can realise how a fifty-two pound tripod can weigh a hundredweight. While we were at Shorncliffe, Capt. Winterbottom studied Machine Gun Transport work, and was in charge of the drivers.

A short break was permitted after the Course, and after assembling at Crewe we returned to Ireland.

The following week a certain amount of Machine Gun kit was drawn, and we commenced to form what is now the Machine Gun Platoon.

Our initial equipment consisted of 4 guns, 4 tripods, and a few spare parts. Neither range-finders or indirect fire gear was procurable in the early stages; in fact, the general condition of Machine Gun affairs appeared to be chaotic in the extreme. No one seemed to be at all well informed as to what we were entitled to, and when other issues would be made. This, coupled with other difficulties, presented an almost insurmountable obstacle to efficient work. In the face of this, however, Capt. Slingsby decided to commence training.

Those who were in Ireland when rebel festivities were at their height, will recollect how short of men we always appeared to be. When raids, curfews, and other Hibernian games had taken their toll, there was less time, and fewer men, available for training than had been anticipated, and all ideas of carrying out a full-time training programme

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had to be abandoned. As training a platoon was not feasible, an attempt was made to give all N.C.O.'s a rough idea of how to load and fire the gun ; these lessons were supplemented by lectures. The results were, however, far from satisfactory, and the lessons were discontinued.

Upon Col. de Putron's return from a Senior Officers' Course at Seaford, another determined effort was made to form a full-strength platoon.

During this period we were severely handicapped by the absence and continual changing over of Machine Gun Officers. Capt. Slingsby handed over to Capt. Evatt, and both Officers were unable, on account of other duties, to remain continuously with us.

Before passing on, we would like to pay tribute to both mentioned Officers for their magnificent work during the time they were with us. It would have been impossible to have placed the platoon on a sound footing had they been less energetic or capable ; unfortunately, outside the writer few realise the difficulties that they had to contend with during our " Machine Gun infancy " stage. While affairs were still unsettled, Lieut. H. M. Dodson attended a Qualifying Course at Seaford, and on his return took over the command of the Platoon from Lieut. Humfrey. Later on, Lieut. R. G. Ames was posted to us.

The greatest of our handicaps was North Wall Guard. The M.G. and the Signal Platoons did this guard practically continuously during the time it was furnished by the Battalion. The idea of giving the Platoon the guard was to enable them to keep together ; half the Platoon being on guard one week, while the other half remained training in Barracks.

In those days every spare moment had to be utilised for training ; this naturally entailed a large amount of work on the part of all ranks. After a man had finished his two hours as a sentry he was taken out repairing barbed wire entanglements and filling sandbags ; when his share of these tasks was completed, he had to attend a Gun class before his time came for going on duty again. As the guard was equipped with Lewis Guns in addition to Vickers, instructions were given in the use and care of that weapon. On top of this he was taught the use of grenades, Board of Trade signal rockets, etc., all of which were on charge of the guard ; finally there was the educational class, which was compulsory on all guards.

The guard was generally accompanied by one of the Machine Gun Officers, but on several occasions other Officers commanded us, amongst these were Capt. Latter, Lieut. Gordon, Lieut. Hill, Lieut. Wood, and Lieut. Bridgeman, all of whom would doubtless vouch for the accuracy of the foregoing statement.

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SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

" Minden Day," 1st August, 1926, being a Sunday, the " Trooping of the Colour " was carried out on Saturday, 31st July.

The Parade was carried through without a hitch, and according to the " critics " who watched the Parade, the Bn. lived up to the high reputation it already holds for Ceremonial Drill.

It was very nice indeed to see so many of the old Officers and Other Ranks turn up this year, for it was the first time (as far as we who are serving know) that the Colonel of the Regiment took the Salute for the Trooping of the Colour.

The following Old Comrades attended the Parade, and Sergeants' Mess Social in the evening :—Messrs. A. Richards, V.C. ; M. Phillips, A. T. White, C. Green (all from London) ; R. Granger, P. Curran, F. Uden, H. Judd, and W. Rontree (all from Dover).

We were pleased to see so many representatives of The Queen's Royal Regt., The Bedfs. and Herts. Regt., K.O.Y.L.I., Royal Engineers, and The Duke of York's Royal Military School Staff at the Trooping of the Colour parade.

At our Social Dance, in the evening, the hundred or so persons present thoroughly enjoyed themselves ; and at 12 midnight ended a perfect day of enjoyment for all.

As a token of respect and appreciation for Capt. F. W. Cox, M.C., a Farewell Smoking Concert was held in the Mess on Wednesday, 11th August, 1926, to enable all members to take the opportunity of saying *au revoir* to Capt. F. W. Cox prior to his proceeding on

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leave pending retirement from the Army, after serving over 37 years, 28 years of which he served as a Lancashire Fusilier. He is going to reside at Maidstone, so we hope to have the opportunity of seeing him very often as long as the 1st Bn. remain in Dover.

Colonel A. H. Spooner, on behalf of the Mess, presented Capt. F. W. Cox with a photograph of the Officers and members of the Mess, who were photographed after Minden Day Parade.

All Ranks wish Captain F. W. Cox, Mrs. Cox and family every happiness on their retirement to civilian life.

During the past quarter we were glad to receive visits from the following old pensioners :—Mr. A. Shipwright and Capt. Marks (the Chairman of our Old Comrades' Association). They were pleased with all they saw of the Regiment, and hope to pay us another visit. We should be pleased to see *many more* old pensioners visit the Regiment in addition to these gentlemen, and the usual three or four gentlemen who turn up every "Minden" and "Gallipoli Day."

Sgt. W. Gardiner and Sgt. A. Sandham have been discharged to civilian life, and are residing in Bury. We wish them every success and hope to meet them at one of the Northern Section O.C.A. Dinners.

Sgt. W. Balme has departed to Hounslow to undergo a vocational training course for six months prior to going to pension, after 28 years' service in Regiment. We understand that his intention is to become a Barrack Warden with the hope of being stationed near the Regiment, so that he can still keep an eye on the C.Q.M.S. Branch.

Sgt. J. Morris, and L/Sgts. W. May, G. W. Kay and W. G. Johnson have joined the Mess on promotion ; and Sgt. J. Murphy and L/Sgt. J. Holder have rejoined from the Depôt on completion of tour of duty. To all we extend a hearty welcome, and hope they will be quite happy in their new surroundings.

Sgt. G. W. Willetts and L/Sgt. E. Collings have proceeded to the Depôt for a tour of duty, where we are sure they will do their utmost to bring the "chop step" and "kick step" from Caterham into perfection amongst our Recruits.

We had a nice afternoon's cricket and Social Entertainment with members of the Sergeants' Mess, Queen's Royal Regt., during July, about 30 members (including wives) representing our people. We hope to return the compliment by way of a Soccer Match, Sing-Song and Dance in the near future.

In the 2nd Round of the Army Lawn Tennis Championship, Other Ranks, we were unfortunate to meet a very good team indeed in the Small Arms Team, Hythe. They were a younger team, right up to form, and thoroughly deserved their victory.

After the game both teams and friends enjoyed a well-earned tea refreshment, and spent a few happy hours together before it was time for our guests to return to Hythe.

SIGNALS' LETTER.

Since the last edition of our now well established *Gazette* many things have happened. We have got through our signalling classification, and, much to the satisfaction of all concerned, thirty-two obtained the great average of 99.7 ! ! Companies are hereby warned that the above average cannot be lent out for Company Musketry averages. The Section is at present "en bloc" at Lydden Spout, firing our A.M.C., much to the delight of hordes of ants, wasps, and all the lesser and greater pests of the insect tribe, who are taking full advantage of our stay. One really wonders how such small insects can eat so much. Judging by our morning roll-call, which, according to facts disclosed by the victims, they must surely be laying in large stocks of provender for the hard times of winter. After making most of the past cricket season by winning the Junior Cricket League, we are now turning our soccer and rugger talents into grim practice, and eagerly await results.

All thoughts are at present concentrated on Brigade Training, and the opening spasm (to wit, the march to Canterbury) is making most Signallers wish they had gone in for Transport duties during their younger days ; but there is the old, old story that it is a long lane without a turning—the turning in mind in this case being ANNUAL LEAVE. We smile with pleasure, in anticipation realising that these good times cannot be far off after training. All ranks are saving their pennies, and trusting that the "Quarter Bloke" is looking after the pounds. Our present telegraphic address is "Aberdeen," and all

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sorts of hitherto unknown devices are being employed to stabilise our bank balances. Tomato gypo is being removed from the breakfast table and carefully bottled—not for its edible qualities is this murky fluid being used. No ! there is a business point of view in mind, and inventive minds have discovered that in the marking of passes for civilian clothes the aforesaid gypo makes an excellent substitute for red ink. Thus, and thus alone, by such money-saving methods can a perfect furlough be assured.

Lce.-Cpl. Bailey has left us for a course of Signalling, and is by now, we hope, making rapid strides towards joining the ranks of our Instructors: We wish him every success.

MACHINE GUNNERS' LETTER.

To the Editor, " Gallipoli Gazette."

SIR,

The Machine Gunners come into action as one man to congratulate you and your staff on the production of the *Gallipoli Gazette*. We would have congratulated you in the last issue, but intensive training seriously curtailed our journalistic activities.

Since our last appearance in print, we have fired our annual course and competed for two Cups. The results have been extremely gratifying, and we are now getting ready to work even harder, so that next year's results will be even better. Our average for the Annual Course works out at 325 points, this being 25 points above marksman, and is easily the highest in the Brigade. These excellent results are due to the encouragement of the Commanding Officer, and to the energy displayed by Capt. Armitage, who has showed himself to be a real " live wire " where gunnery is concerned.

We most heartily congratulate Cpl. W. Powell upon having gained a " Distinguished " Certificate as an Instructor, and trust that we shall derive much benefit from it during the coming training season.

Lieut. Dodson, who rejoined for training, and Cpl. Kay were loaned to the Territorial Army, to assist in the training of Territorial Machine-Gunners.

We regret losing Lieut. Dodson and Fus. Richardson, who have gone to the Regimental Depôt on a tour of duty. We wish them good luck in their new station, and hope to hear of them in the Depôt sports teams, as they were a big help to us.

We would like to take the opportunity of congratulating the various athletic teams and individuals who have done so well during the season, and trust they will continue on the same lines, and although our training does not permit us to accompany them in person, we are with them in spirit.

In concluding, we pause to bestow a friendly pat on the backs of the Weapon Training staff, who have certainly performed wonders during the past months, and we thank them sincerely for their valuable co-operation, especially in the Revolver Training. Also we must congratulate the Transport Section on the great show in the Brigade Horse Show. This was an excellent performance after the hard work they did at Tilshead with us during the concentration camp.

Since we commenced our letter, news has come through that we are due at the Machine Gun School early next year. This has upset us considerably, as it means that our course will be fired during the month of March or April. Any " tips " about seaside wind allowances will be gratefully received. After Brigade Training we are returning the usual number of gunners to Companies, to form a reserve. We are very sorry to part with them, and trust that they will do well with the Companies.

Four of our N.C.O.'s are proceeding to Canterbury in October to learn how to ride ; this comes under the heading of " Brighter Warfare." Rumour states that Barney has not stopped chuckling since he heard the news.

Wishing the *Gazette* the best of luck, and looking forward to when it becomes a monthly instead of quarterly—we are

" GUNS."

BAND NOTES.

All ranks of the Band join in congratulating the Bn. Running Team on the fine performances they have put up during this season, and especially the glorious way in which they won the A.A. Team Championship. Although this is the first time the Bn. have won this particular trophy we sincerely hope that it will not be the last.

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Since the last issue of the *Gazette*, our esteemed Band Sergeant W. Balme has left the Bn. to undergo a vocational course at Hounslow. His loss is very much felt in the Band, where he was held in great esteem by everyone. He was presented with an eight-day chiming clock and a silver cigarette case, subscribed for by all connected with the Band.

Everyone knows that Sgt. Balme had a large number of stories relating to people of the Regiment, and also outsiders. Here is one about himself :—

On one occasion he was in the Sergeants' Mess at the North Dublin Union, when the late R.S.M. called for Christian, who by the way was a C.S.M. The Band Sergeant went out to R.S.M. Bibby and said, " Did you call me, Sir ? " Bibs said, " No ! I called Christian." Sgt. Balme replied, " Same thing, Sir, I am the only —— Christian that uses this Mess ! "

Sgt. Wall is his successor, and that he will fill the position quite ably we have no doubt.

During the speech that the Bandmaster gave to Sgt. Balme on his leaving the Bn., he mentioned among other things that it was this Band that first introduced hockey into the Army, and on one occasion a team picked out of the *Band alone* beat the Aldershot Command. This apparently accounts for the fact that the Band are still opponents to be reckoned with in this branch of sport, and that it is the favourite game in the Band.

On the 2nd August the Band had a trip to Margate, at the expense of the Band Club, and everyone spent a very pleasant day. Unfortunately Mrs. Miles was ill at the time, and this prevented the Bandmaster from being with us for the day, but we sincerely hope that nothing will crop up to deprive us of his company on the next trip that is arranged. The Band President also was unable to attend owing to illness.

THE DRUMS LETTER.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I may state at the outset that I am not held responsible for the boredom your readers will suffer whilst perusing this, which is obviously my initial attempt at journalism. You, Mr. Editor, demanded a letter, and I place all responsibility on your shoulders. Our original correspondent, " Drummy," being in " Dock," I have been bullied, threatened and cajoled into taking the effort on my hands of penning this " Epistle from the Charmers." The Drum-Major is at present in hospital, suffering from the effects of two operations which occurred in the space of eight days, and so he has been through a rough time. He is, however, improving daily, and all ranks of the " Drums " wish him a rapid return to his usual state of good health and infectious *joie de vivre*.

The rank of honour has fallen on " Tony " Critchley, our senior Lce.-Corporal, and if not exactly a " Grenadier," would make a frightfully efficient " Gondolier." His star performance was on the evening of August the 30th, when he very ably shouldered the responsibility of conducting a broadcast programme for the B.B.C. He breathed fire and brimstone in the approved " Guards' Model Drum-Major " style, and his voice threatened to knock all valve sets in a thousand mile radius out of action. Two days after the programme we received a p.c. from a radio enthusiast in Derby congratulating us on our show, and several cases of swollen heads are noticeable, one, of conspicuous size, now threatens to be a serious rival to Birkenhead.

We have quite a large field entered for the Matrimonial Stakes. He of the boxer's nasal organ, however, is still a firm favourite. Odds of a hundred to one on have been frequently offered, but no takers are forthcoming.

A wave of exertion has swept over the " Drums " lately. Squat was seen actually walking to the canteen ; Mac was observed chasing a football ; and, wonder of wonders ! " Taffy P." caught in the act of lifting a coal box entirely on his own, without any help whatever ! And some sadly misguided person remarked that the age of miracles had passed !

There are mysterious whispers circulating in our midst concerning a " Hooper " or " Cooper " gang. Bread and cheese seem to be the main topic. It is all rather vague to me, but not nearly so vague as the look in the eyes of a member of the A/M clique after the night before. " Oh ! love, why

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doth thou haunt me?" The issue of "Reds" to a certain Drummer has considerably helped him in matters financial, it not being now necessary for him to purchase the loan of a suit to meet his "Fiasco"—*some kid*!

Nos. 1 and 4 Groups won the Junior Cricket Shield, and I think a vote of thanks would not be out of place to the team as a whole, and "Paddy" McMahon in particular, for his batting average rivalled that of Jessop in his hey-day, his boundary hits being a thing of "beauty and joy for ever," as the poet has it. Brighter cricket, with knobs on.

CONGRATULATORY.

Congrats. to Dmr. Schofield on his appointment to Lce.-Cpl.

Congrats. to Boys McMahon and Figg on their appointment to Drummers.

Congrats. to Dmr. Wootton on his great goal-keeping FEET against "C" Co.

"CHARMER."

TRANSPORT LETTER.

Plans of the new stable, proposed site, etc., have been reviewed, and I have it on the highest authority that work will commence —sometime.

The Camel, Jimmy, and H.Q. charger left us last month, new chargers arriving to replace them. We received a batch of 22 hired animals for Bn. training, and as hired stuff goes they were not at all bad. If we get as good a batch for Brigade training we will be very lucky. Contrary to expectations, we managed to pull off the "Turn Out" competition in the Brigade Horse Show. This competition consists of a G.S. wagon and pair, and L.G.S. wagon and two pairs of mules. All ranks were very keen to win this particular competition, and the greatest credit is due to Sgt. Dunn, Fusrs. Marsh, Yates, George, Baker and Pierce for the really hard work they put in. As we are due to march out on Brigade Training next Monday, 20th September, Barney has had a confab with the other mokes to discuss methods of evading work. Barney himself had decided to be lame, what action the others take will be related in our next letter.

"A" COMPANY'S LETTER.

Since our last contribution numerous events and changes have occurred. Inter-Co. transfers, new arrivals, "The New Army," the "Two Bobs," and a small advance of sixpence after six months, if these college-trained new Army men have a 2nd Cert. Most of our old soldiers leave us for India shortly, including the "Man of figures"—Butler—he is at present calculating in rupees, annas and pice or how to make money, though honest. Furs will be necessary and Wellingtons for Wellington. May he have a good time with the 2nd Bn., and draw in the *buckshees*.

Our abilities at sport are in excess of our expectations. We have won the Co. Cricket League Senior, 2nd in the Junior, and now we are out to win the Soccer, Rugby League, and also the Battalion Boxing Competition; although we have lost Slogger Smith to the Penang beauties. Our new bantam C.S.M. is likely to bring them along to that past winning spirit, not forgetting hockey and the cross-country runs.

On the whole, many thought the "Minden Trooping" was much better than any at Tidworth; the dinner (a trifle porky, so say the waiting-on Sergeants), and the celebrations in town with the girls and the K.O.Y.L.I.'s is deemed to make it a jolly good rendering of a "Soldiers' Holiday."

All Ranks express their hearty congratulations to the Regimental Sports Team in winning that coveted trophy, the Army Challenge Shield, and for setting up such fine records.

To date we have still V. C. Smith in mind; he was sadly missed on Minden Day, especially in the Sergeants' Mess, an item, "Eastern Foam," being erased from the functions, the artist being absent. The Old Comrades contributed to the repainting of barracks, their emblem "4010" being more conspicuous than their footsteps.

The results of shooting are not yet definitely settled, therefore it is a gamble who will be best shooting Co. "A" and "B" run very close, as per item of my last Co. note, *esprit-de-corps*.

"There's something in the seaside air," still maintains its hold on our sun-tanned warriors, some disguising in civilian garb and having that "girlie" feeling. The con-

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clusion is, "Where do the troops go to in the winter-time?" the park and its seats being extremely damp and uninviting.

"Maybe to the pictures"?

The BEST of luck to Sgt. and Mrs. Jolly on their departure to civilian life; may they prosper. It had skipped my mind that our skipper has departed to better premises; of course, we wish him luck, knowing that he will acquit himself nobly and well, as becomes one of "A" Co.

"CANTHOBUT," AY KO.

"B" COMPANY'S LETTER.

Hullo! everybody. "Beer Ko." calling.

On the 4th of July, "Beer Ko.," accompanied by the Drums, left Dover for a four days' trek through Kent. The first day we marched to Staple, thoroughly enjoying the change from barrack life. During the night it rained very heavily, but even this was insufficient to damp our spirits.

The second day's march took us to Patrixbourne, the Drummers playing-up in rare style. Football and cricket matches in the evening helped to pass the time very pleasantly. All ranks were greatly struck by the beauty of the countryside and the absence of smoke and dirt. On the third day we arrived at Denton, just off the main Dover-Canterbury road. This being our last camp before Dover, everyone tried to get as much enjoyment as possible out of it. The usual games were played until, feeling quite tired but happy, we retired to bed. The fourth day found us marching into Dover, back to barrack life, after the most enjoyable and best Company march since we started them at Tidworth.

In the Inter-Co. Cricket Leagues this summer we have done well—not quite as well as we might have done, but still better than some of the other teams. In the 1st League we tied with 1 and 4 groups for 2nd and 3rd places; and with "C" Co. for the same places in the Junior League.

Twenty-seven of our men are going out on draft to the 2nd Bn., and we take this opportunity of wishing them the best of luck—out there. Since the publication of the last *Gazette*, Sgt. Gardner has left us for civilian life. Knowing him as we do, we are sure that he will prosper exceedingly. Our best wishes go with him. Second-Lieut. Sandilands has joined the Company on first appointment; we take this opportunity of extending a welcome to him, and hope that he feels no after-effects from his accident.

"BEER KO."

"C" COMPANY'S LETTER.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Once more we come, full of hope (not hops) for a successful winter season of soccer, rugger and hockey. And how can one feel otherwise with the Lawrence Bogey ever before our eyes (and ears)? Alas! so do we aspire.

The Soccer Season has started well, and if we go on as we have started, we can look forward with confidence to finishing well up in the League. Oh! Lawrence, guide us! We can safely say that no better game could have been witnessed than our match against "D" Co., which we won just on our merits, against most worthy opponents.

Hockey has also opened favourably for us, and here too our souls are full of hope.

In saying farewell to the summer season (what little we who live in the Land of Mists have seen of it!), a few words on our exhibitions at cricket will be sufficient unto the day. He is a daring man who can prophesy the result of a cricket match, and many of our prophets have learnt caution this summer. We can only say that the Goddess of Luck was not kind to us; but Company scouts have been instructed to make love to her before next year.

For results see Part I. Orders, *plus* amendments, deletions, additions, and so forth.

Heartiest congratulations to the Regimental Athletic Team on their very successful season and wonderful performance in winning the Army Athletic Shield.

By the way, let it be known that we are training more Battalion champions for next Athletic season, so Companies desirous of first-rate runners for Lawrence Cup snatching should make early application through the usual channels.

Swimming has been popular during the warm weather, and some of our bolder spirits were taken with the fashionable craze of trying to swim the Channel. But they said later that it wasn't worth it.

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Company and Battalion training has taken a good pound of flesh off most of us, and we have learnt many things we didn't know at Tidworth: such as how to get caught in a barbed wire fence, or stuck in a stook!

We don't claim to be any better trained than the other Companies, but we do feel we've got them all beat at co-operation with the Artillery!!

Since our last letter we have been pleased to welcome Sgt. Holder and family into our midst. May his stay with us be long and happy.

On the other hand, we are soon to lose many of our number on the first draft to India. As the time has not quite come to say good-bye to them, we will just wish them now the best of good luck, good health, and a happy future.

"SEE-KO."

"D" COMPANY'S LETTER.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Congratulations on your last edition—*Gallipoli Gazette* No. 2. All Ranks have decided that though No. 1 was a great success, no comparison can be made between them. In fact some of us are doubtful if any improvement *can* be made.

We all congratulate Lieut. Lyne and his merry troop of "Nippers" on winning for the Battalion the Army Athletic Shield. We all appreciate Lieut. Lyne's efforts during the time he has been with the Regiment. Each year he has worked very hard in training both himself and his comrades of the "Spiked Shoes," and though often his fine efforts have not resulted in quite the result he aimed for, each year has shown some decided improvement. Now that the trophy is ours we are confident that our team will keep it for us by similar feats to those of this year.

After a much longer term of service than most of us will probably serve, we were all sorry to lose our "attached Quarter Bloke"!—Band-Sergeant Balme. When he came to us first of all, we really thought we were going to pinch him from his beloved instruments, but "alas and alack!" it was not to be. He is at present on a course, and on its completion will return to civilian life, where we hope he will get on well, will not forget us, and will have a good time spending the thousands of "flimsies" he has collected from his "engagements" (musical ones, of course).

Since the Transport people so completely condemned our Company "charger," if I may use the word, our Company Commander is believed to have often offered up that ancient prayer, "A horse! my kingdom for a horse!" Whether this is correct or not, the horse has arrived. I suppose we shall hear more about it from the Transport, but this time our "Gee Gee" is quite all right. The only trouble is we can't find a "Steve" to ride it. Our able Professor Bandy McIntyre is nobly trying to manage the frisky steed, but we fear that Major Tallents will soon be compelled to utter the prayer, "My kingdom for a *groom*!"

Minden Day was enjoyed very much this year by all in the Company, especially as this time we really had two days instead of one. We were all pleased to see our Colonel, Major-General Freeth, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., and hope he will not have forgotten to send in a photograph for our Journal. We all hope he will be able to visit us often even when we are on no greater ceremonial parade than cookhouse fatigue.

To our Regimental Bayonet Fencing Team we tender our heartiest congratulations, and are confident that next year they will do as well as the "Runners," and will win for the Battalion the Army Trophy.

With the retirement of Capt. F. W. Cox, M.C., our able "Q" Branch chief, we lose our oldest soldier. His career in the Regiment is one of which he may be justly proud. We all hope that now that he has to return to civilian life that he will not forget to visit us as often as possible, if only to make sure that our "Quarter Blokes" are not rendering small ration indents. Whoever his successor may be, to us he will always be remembered as "Our Quartermaster."

The annual struggle for the Lawrence Cup is again in full swing. Soccer has started, and Rugger will shortly follow. We are not doing as well so far as we might have done, but are determined to be good enough to take the "Cup" to be filled next Gallipoli Day as we have done this.

In answer to our correspondent who asked when we were going to send some of our sportsmen overseas, we say "Right now!" Already the Officers i/c Sports in the 2nd Bn. are fighting as to which Companies our draft shall go.

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We congratulate the "Gunners" on their fine shooting in their "Classification." We understand that they intend, under the able instruction of "Toc. Cork," to fire the whole of their course in gas masks (!) next year.

Finally, we will congratulate No. 15 Platoon's P.T. Staff, Lce.-Cpl. Livesley, on gaining his certificate at the "Shott," and hope he will not continue to frighten the men of his room by standing on his head until they think he will burst a blood-vessel.

"ATTACHED."

SERVICE HUMOUR.

The peculiar humour of the Service can by its origin be little known to those who are not in direct touch with the men.

It is for this reason that the attempts made to reproduce this form of humour in the illustrated papers were soon exhausted.

So much of this humour is spontaneous that it cannot be reproduced without its original atmosphere, more still would need to be bowdlerised out of all resemblance to the original.

Perhaps with a little imagination some of the following will appeal to most Service readers.

During the Durbar of 1912 in India, some Naval P.O.'s were being entertained in the tents of a certain Regiment we may call the Ironsides. Late at night the Orderly Officer on his rounds spotted a light in one of the tents. Without disclosing himself, he called out: "What is that light doing in that tent?"

The answer came pat: "Burning, you fool, burning."

A certain Officer with a knowledge of odd corners of regulations once filled in an application for leave as under:—

Rank.	Name.	Period		Reason.
		From	To	
Captain	N. Morran	16.7.19	23.7.19	M. Reg. para. 319

The astonished Adjutant on looking this up found that: "Officers and N.C.O.'s should be given occasional opportunities of revising their impressions of the human figure at known ranges"!

The same Officer gravely demanded, on the outbreak of war, whether Infantry Training, para. 19 sub-para. 2 (iv.), should be complied with before or after the Officer's demise. The paragraph reads: "All Officers in uniform of foreign Armies will be paid the same compliments as are paid to British Officers."

There are many similar anomalies in manuals, usually due to the universal habit of never looking up references.

The peculiarities of C.O.'s often offer an opportunity for wit. A certain C.O. of rigid mind would listen to no excuses in certain cases, such as Absence. The first of a batch of absentees, one Monday morning, was marched in, and on his return from the seat of Justice remarked aside to the awaiting accused: "Pontoons only, chaps." In other words, 21 days C.B.

On one occasion a Tommy, who had hitherto failed to pass, had got close enough to the required score in Musketry to need only an "outer" in order to attain promotion. He fired his last shot, and the hateful shriek was heard of a ricochet speeding on its way! "There goes my little tuppence," he remarked, more in sorrow than in anger, as he rose from the ground, "'oppin, 'oppin, 'oppin all the way to 'ell!"

From this rather profane story we turn to another story once told over the camp fires in Palestine. At Lincoln Race Meeting there was a very strong favourite for the last race. The bookies made themselves hoarse shouting "10 to 1 bar one," and at last a simple-looking lad stepped up and put his money on a rank outsider, getting fifteens for his fiver. The outsider, "White Bud," romped home, with

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the rest anywhere, and the simple-looking lad went up to get his money.

" Why did you back ' White Bud,' growled the bookie.

" Oh ! because I went for a trip to Margate in the *White Bud* this summer."

" Oh ! Did yer ? I wish it had been the . . . *Titanic*."

The most excellent 26th Regiment provided some excellent stories, of which the following is printable (unfortunately the best are not so) :—

" Jock ! I want to buy twa eggs, but I dinna ken what to say to that French body in the shop."

" Eh ! that's easy—ye jist say, ' Give me twa uffs,' and the silly body gies ye three and ye push her back yin ! "

When the ——th Division was moving to fresh quarters, the Graves Registration Officer was detailed, as knowing the road, to lead the way to the next camp. That worthy, however, proved an indifferent guide in the wet darkness of an April night ; and the Division wandered about in the mud for some hours. At a time when it appeared probable that the road was irretrievably lost for the night, and when prospects of food and rest seemed remote, a voice was heard plaintively enquiring in the gloom : " Who's leadin' this Division ? "—and the men rocked with laughter when another voice answered in mock solemn tones : " 'Im wot buries the dead."

A grim humour pervades the story of the German spy, sentenced to be shot, who had to walk some distance to the place where the sentence was to be carried out. It was a cold, rainy morning, and the German grumbled considerably at having to walk so far. His escort bore with him some time ; but at last, wearied by prisoner's interminable (and, as it seemed, unreasonable) complaints about the weather, one of them burst out with :—

" 'Ere, wot 'ave you to grouse about ? We've got to walk back ! "

Letter writing became a perfect craze with the troops home from India for the war. Civilisation hit them too suddenly. Every man's landlady became his " Ma," and all the daughters were fiancées. Eventually an order had to be published that no man was allowed more than one mother and one sweetheart per week !

Staff ideas used to amuse the troops very much at all times. The following idea had a great vogue in the 1st Corps.

Pigeons had been used with great success, and several times when news of the attack had been received in no other way, pigeons had brought messages of importance. One of the 80 Staff Officers who formed the anchor of the 1st Corps conceived the idea of improving on the Pigeon Post. He therefore circulated a memo. stating that the excellent work done by the pigeons was to be improved on, and that it was considered that by crossing pigeons with judicious parrots, verbal messages might be delivered often of the utmost importance.

The bird so produced was to be named the " Parrotigeon."

It was pointed out, however, by the A.D.V.O. that according to recent researches in Hamburg, the pigeon could only mate when on the ground and the parrot when in the air.

The G.S.O. 8, to whom this question was submitted, endorsed the memo. as follows :— " Forward to Air Staff to ascertain if an Officer with suitable knowledge can be provided to instruct pigeons."

All over the world the observant may see the cryptic figure 4010 scratched, written, or even painted. I have seen it on the Pillar of Victory at Patna, on the dome of Musta Church in Malta, and once inside my own helmet.

The story is that a guard of honour of 50 rifles were being found for some person, and the guard was exhorted to be very, very smart. While telling off the guard was being numbered and the left file, full of keenness, followed No. 49 with 4010.

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This eagerness had been commemorated all over the Empire, but few people know its origin.

Many years ago, in the age of pipeclay and blasphemy, there was a war on the frontier. The Pathans of those days had not been supplied with modern rifles, and had to rely on jezails and swords. Consequently, hand-to-hand fighting was common. During one of these episodes the troops had repulsed a sword charge with some ease by the bayonet alone. Two eager soldiers were heard to say, as they searched round the sangars for more enemies to slay: "Garn, there ain't no more of 'em. Let's go back and have another dig at 'Ole Ginger.'" (Among the enemy slain was a fine old red bearded Ghazi, who lay out in front, where the bayonets had caught him.)

Unexpectedness plays a great part in making a joke successful.

A certain not very popular C.O. was about to leave the station for England. At the Saturday evening gaff a certain knockabout turn was gagging, when one of them suddenly said:—

"The old man's gone!"

"No! What complaint did he die of?"

"No complaint: everybody's perfectly satisfied!"

Loud laughter, joined in, I must say, by the "old man," who was in the front row.

Everyone knows how slowly the fact of a sudden cessation of a continuous noise strikes one's consciousness. During the Gallipoli fighting a real theatrical "burst" of musketry was being indulged in by both sides at 1d. per round, and little other result. Just behind me was a drummer with a signaller, taking what cover they could. The firing ceased with the suddenness peculiar to battles, as if by word of command. And in a loud voice the drummer was heard to shout: "And the landlady at No. 49, gee! she's the best looker ever I see." A shout of laughter from those who heard must have caused equal confusion to the enemy and the amorous drummer.

The Coronation Durbar at Delhi furnished one gem for my collection. His Majesty being present in person, the Viceroy of course occupied a lowlier position than was usual in ceremonial functions.

"Ar," murmured Tommy, as the procession passed slowly through the lines of troops standing at the Present; "Ar, we used to know the Viceroy, once!"

On the leave boats from France the gangways, etc., were always crowded. The Generals, Chaplains, and others who always rode in cars, wore very long spurs. These were apt to get into the eyes of the others. Certain Officers, therefore, caused to be typed out a copy of K.R. 1638: "Spurs will not be worn on board ship when travelling." This was posted in various places on the steamer *Queen* (the only leave boat sunk by the Bosche, and that empty). Good it was to see the pompous bespurred ones reading the notice and removing spurs, making audible comment the while. The notice held good for nearly three months, till at last a torpedo struck the ship.

We conclude with a story which has to be slightly camouflaged, as the authors are still serving, but we feel certain that they will not assail us for torts if we publish it.

A certain Airman, on police duty, amongst other items had to attend to the telephone calls after ordinary office hours. He was quite unskilled in the use of the instrument. A call came through from Mr. Miller, Governor of Gaza, and the Airman endeavoured to answer. After some perpetually interrupted cross-talk, which neither understood or heard properly, Mr. Miller became exasperated and howled over the 'phone:

"Who is that talking at that end—this is Miller of Gaza speaking here."

"Oh! You're Miller of Gaza, are you. Carpenter of Nazareth speaking. What do you want?"

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WEAPON TRAINING NOTES.

Writing from Lydden Spout, where the Casuals are firing, we must congratulate the Camp Commandant and Adjutant for the splendid organisation of the Detachment. Although the Bn. average has not been improved, we have not let it down. As the Casuals usually succeed in dropping a point or two, we must congratulate ourselves on this achievement.

Bisley A.R.A. Central Meeting.

Although not successful at winning any of the coveted trophies, we really did quite well and managed to get our noses in by gaining various small prizes. Lieut. Franks, M.C., must be congratulated on his fine performance in the Army Hundred, in which he finished 47th, and in the Army Fifty with a score of 174, only 4 behind the winner.

The following is a rough account of the Individual Team results :—

INDIVIDUAL.

The following were mentioned in the prize list :—

Lieut. F. Franks, M.C.
R.Q.M.S. Laverick, D.C.M.
Sgt. White.
Dmr. Scholefield, H.Q.
Fus. Vizard, " B " Co.
Fus. Hewitson, " A " Co.
Fus. Hogg, " B " Co.
Fus. Hoare, " B " Co.

Worcester Cup.

Class " A."—7th, Sgt. Challoner and Sgt. Dodson, " B " Co.; 9th, Lieut. F. Franks, M.C., and Sgt. Grimme, " A " Co.

Class " B."—Fus. Clancy and Fus. Vizard, " B " Co.

TEAMS.

Britannia Trophy.—6th. Score 596.

Small Arms Cup. Score 201. Winners' score 231.

In the *N.R.A. Lewis Gun* match the following team was placed 3rd :—Sgt. Challoner, Sgt. Grimme, Fus. Clancy.

Brigade Rifle Meeting.

Competition 1.

Class " A."—5th, Lieut. E. A. Gordon; 8th, C.Q.M.S. Austen.

Class " B."—2nd, Fus. Jones, " C " Co.; 3rd, Cpl. Maxwell, " A " Co.; 5th, Fus. Melchior, " C " Co.

Class " C."—3rd, Fus. Hoare; 7th, Fus. Hopwood.

Competition 2. *" L.A." Match.*

1st, Fusrs. Vizard and Unwin, Platoon 8.
4th, Fusrs. Clancy and Collins, Platoon 5.
5th, Fusrs. Dewhirst and Slack, Platoon 7.
8th, Fusrs. Pope and Ashton, Platoon 3.

The meeting was cancelled on the second day, after waiting for over an hour for the mist to clear.

Revolver.

We have now completed the yearly course and expect to hear shortly that we have won the Connaught Cup. All Lce.-Corporals and Fusiliers must be congratulated on the fine individual and collective performances. Keep it up, boys.

As mentioned before, we were giving prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. The following are the placings, and if the Weapon Training Officer can borrow the money, will receive the following :—

1st, Fus. Wright, H.Q., and Fus. Foster, " B " Co., tie—score 158; divide £1 and 10s.

3rd, Fus. Vizard, " B " Co.—score 156; 5s.

Kent County Rifle Association.

The .22 Competitions for the above are still going on, although we spend a great deal of unnecessary time chasing people out to shoot (the Q.M. department is always too busy).

The teams' winnings are as follows :—

" A " Team ..	..	won 1
" B " Team ..	..	won 2
" C " Team ..	..	won 2
" D " Team ..	..	won 7

" MUSKETS."

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ATHLETIC SPORTS.

We have at last achieved our ambition of the last three years, and won the Army Inter-Unit Team Championship. Our winning total of 40 pts. is 10 pts. higher than the previous best.

We should like to take this chance of thanking Mr. Alec Nelson for all he did for the team. He worked untiringly, and our success was due to a large extent to his coaching and never-failing enthusiasm. We hope to secure his services again next season.

In the Army Individual Championships in June we secured a good proportion of the honours, Sgt. Daniels and Fusr. Hey winning the first two championships we have held since the war.

On 21st June we had a most enjoyable match with the Achilles Club, on our own ground, and a large gathering of spectators saw some excellent racing. The Achilles' side included half-a-dozen internationals, and we greatly appreciated the sporting way in which many of the team made the long journey from Oxford and Cambridge. We hope this may become an annual fixture.

It is rather a curious coincidence that the first year we won the Army Boxing Championship we were beaten in the Command meeting first, and that this year we could only finish second to the Tanks in the E. Command Athletics Championships. However, it enabled us to find out our weak points before Aldershot.

The following represented the Army in the Inter-Services Championship, on 7th July :—

C.Sgt. Day, 1 mile and 880 yds.
Lce.-Cpl. Long, long jump.
Lce.-Cpl. Melchior, 880 yds.
Bdsmn. Hipperson, 3 miles.
Sgt. Daniels, 440 yds. and 220 yds.

Lieut. Lyne was also asked to run in the 880 yds., but a fractured arm prevented him from running.

Next year it is proposed to include all field events in the Army Team Championships, and this should make our team even stronger than this year, especially if some of our discus and javelin throwers persevere during the winter.

We are looking forward to a very successful cross-country season, all last year's team being again available, whilst there is sure to be the keenest competition for the last few places. As well as the Command and Army Championship, we hope to run a team in the Kent and South of the Thames Championships, and London University, South London Harriers, and Herne Hill Harriers have all promised us fixtures. We hope to make a start about the end of October.

Army Individual Championships.

Pole Jump.

1, Fus. Hey (9 ft. 9 ins., after jump off) ; 4, Fus. Ward (9 ft. 9 ins.).

Long Jump.

2, Lce.-Cpl. Long (21 ft. ½ in.).

Three Miles.

4, Bdsmn. Hipperson ; 9, Cpl. Keane ; 10, Fus. Wright.

880 *Yards.*

2, Sgt. Day ; 5, Lieut. Lyne ; 7, Lce.-Cpl. Melchior.

One Mile.

3, Sgt. Day.

220 *Yards.*

3, Sgt. Daniels.

Weight.

5, Sgt. Wootten.

440 *Yards.*

1, Sgt. Daniels (51 2/5 secs.).

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Army Athletic Team Championship.

Winners' 1926—1st Bn. Lan. Fus.

Acquitting themselves right well in every event, our team had no difficulty in winning the Army Unit Team Championship at Aldershot.

They won with an aggregate of 40 pts., 10 more than the Training Bn. Royal Signals scored in their record victory two years ago.

It was a really great victory, and to improve from 37 pts. in a Command show to 40 pts. in the Army event is an achievement on which the winners may plume themselves.

Results.

400 *Yards Relay* (4 × 100 *yds.*).—*Final.*

(Army record, 42 2/5 secs., Training Bn., Royal Signals, 1923; and 1st Lan. Fus., 1925.)

1, Rly. Training Centre, R.E. (Cpl. C. Eaton, Lieut. D. M. J. Murray, Spr. H. Whitney, Lce.-Cpl. T. R. Jones).

2, 1st Lan. Fus. (Lieut. R. G. Ames, Lce.-Cpl. J. P. Long, Lce.-Cpl. J. Rorke, Sgt. W. Daniels).

3, Training Bn., Royal Signals (Lce.-Cpl. S. J. Murphy, Lieut. E. G. W. Pearse, 2nd-Lieut. J. C. Hardy, 2nd-Lieut. C. C. Danby).

4, Depôt Bn., R.E.

5, 2nd Royal Welch Fus.

Time—42 3/10 secs. (Army record).

880 *Yards Relay* (4 × 220 *yds.*).—*Final.*

(Army record, 1 min. 34 2/5 secs., 1st Lan. Fus., 1925.)

1, 1st Lan. Fus. (Lieut. R. G. Ames, Lce.-Cpl. J. P. Long, Lce.-Cpl. J. Rorke, Sgt. W. Daniels).

2, Training Bn., Royal Signals (Lieut. E. G. W. Pearse, Lce.-Cpl. C. A. Craig, Lieut. C. C. Danby, Lce.-Cpl. S. J. Murphy).

3, Depôt Bn., R.E. (Spr. A. Woodland, Lieut. H. T. L. Loftus-Tottenham, Lieut. R. J. Walker, Lce.-Cpl. J. C. Adams).

4, Rly. Training Centre, R.E.

5, 1st York and Lanc. Regt.

(5 yds., 4 yds.) *Time*—1 min. 34 3/10 secs. (Army record).

Mile Relay (4 × 440 *yds.*).—*Final.*

(Army record, 3 mins. 32 2/5 secs., 2nd Green Howards, 1924.)

1, 1st Lan. Fus. (Sgt. W. Daniels, Cpl. J. O'Neale, Lce.-Cpl. J. Rorke, Lieut. R. G. Ames).

2, 3rd Royal Tanks Corps (Cpl. Owens, Pte. Penrose, Pte. Bowers, Lieut. O. F. M. Tudor).

3, 2nd Dorset Regt. (Lieut. H. C. Partridge, Lieut. D. B. Gaye, 2nd-Lieut. J. N. Carter, Pte. Patrick).

4, Depôt Bn., R.E.

5, Training Bn., R.E.

(30 yds., 15 yds.) *Time*—3 mins. 31 1/5 secs. (Army record).

Two Miles Relay (4 × 880 *yds.*).—*Final.*

(Army record, 8 mins. 25 4/5 secs., 2nd A. and S. Highlanders, 1925.)

1, 3rd Royal Tanks Corps (Pte. A. Bowers, Pte. S. Norton, Lce.-Cpl. F. Chute, Cpl. J. H. Owens).

2, 1st Lan. Fus. (Lieut. L. O. Lyne, Fus. S. Ward, Clr.-Sgt. E. F. Day, Fus. C. Melchoir).

3, Training Bn., R.E. (Lieut. C. S. Subden, Lce.-Cpl. G. C. Webb, Sprs. E. Grainger and L. Blackborrow).

4, 2nd Dorset Regt.

5, Depôt Bn. Royal Signals.

(30 yds., 25 yds.) *Time*—8 mins. 24 4/5 secs. (Army record).

Mile Team Race.

Heat 1.—1, 1st Lan. Fus. (18 pts.); 2, Training Bn. Royal Signals (28 pts.). Cpl. W. M. Cotterell, Royal Signals, finished first in 4 mins. 35 2/5 secs.

Heat 2.—1, 1st Irish Guards (17 pts.); 2, 1st Scots Guards (28 pts.). Lieut. T. G. Lindsay, Irish Guards, finished first in 4 mins. 44 1/5 secs.

Heat 3.—1, 3rd Royal Tank Corps. (15 pts.); 2, R.T.C., R.E. (34 pts.). Spr. A. Farthing, R.E., finished first in 4 mins. 43 3/5 secs.

Final.—1, 1st Lan. Fus. (Bdsmn. R. Hipperson, Cpl. T. N. Keane, Fus. A. J. Wright, Clr.-Sgt. E. F. Day) (3, 5, 10, 12 = 30 pts.); 2, 1st Irish Guards (4, 6, 11, 16 = 37 pts.); 3, 3rd Royal Tank Corps (7, 9, 17, 18 = 51 pts.); 4, 1st Scots Guards (8, 14, 15, 19 = 56 pts.); 5, Training Bn., Royal Signals (1, 13, 22, 23 = 59 pts.); 6, R.T.C., R.E. (2, 20, 21, 24 = 67 points).

Individual placings.—1, Cpl. W. M. Cotterell, Royal Signals (4 mins. 35 3/5 secs.); 2, Spr. A. Farthing, R.T.C., R.E.; 3, Clr.-Sgt. E. F. Day, Lan. Fus.

Three Miles Team Race.—Final.

1, 1st Lan. Fus. (Clr.-Sgt. E. F. Day, Bdsmn. R. Hipperson, Cpl. T. N. Keane, Fus. A. J. Wright) (22 pts.); 2, Training Bn., Royal Signals (35 pts.); 3, 3rd Royal Tank Corps (56 pts.); 4, 1st Irish Guards (62 pts.); 5, Training Bn., R.E. (90 pts.).

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Individual placings.—1, Cpl. W. M. Cotterell, Royal Signals (18 mins. 14 1/5 secs.); 2, Lce.-Cpl. G. C. Webb, R.E.; 3, Signlr. T. B. Broadley, Royal Signals.

480 *Yards Hurdles Relay* (4 × 120 *yds.*)—*Final.*

(Army record, 1 min. 7 3/5 secs., 3rd Royal Tank Corps, 1925.)

1, 3rd Royal Tank Corps (Lce.-Cpl. R. F. Cole, Pte. C. Walker, Lieut. G. E. Knox-Peebles, Lieut. O. F. M. Tudor).

2, 1st Lan. Fus. (Lieut. R. G. Ames, Fus. F. Foster, Lce.-Cpl. J. P. Long, Sgt. J. Wootten).

3, 1st Middlesex Regt. (Capt. C. W. Haydon, Capt. B. G. Horrocks, Cpl. A. Riley, Bdsmn. J. Walker).

4, Depôt Bn., Royal Signals.

5, 2nd Dorset Regt.

15 yds., same. *Time.*—1 min. 7 secs. (Army record). 2nd Royal Welch Fus., who finished 4th, were disqualified for a faulty take-over.

Putting the Weight.—Final.

(Army record, 69 ft. 10½ in., 1st H.L.I., 1924.)

1, 1st Irish Guards (Gdsmn. J. McInerney, 34 ft. 6 ins.; Drmr. J. Connolly, 34 ft. 3½ ins. = 68 ft. 9½ ins.).

2, 1st Scots Guards (Lce.-Sgt. F. Foley, 34 ft. 6 ins.; 2nd-Lieut. J. F. Milburne, 34 ft. 1 in. = 68 ft. 7 ins.).

3, 1st Lan. Fus. (Sgt. J. Wootten, 34 ft. 6 ins.; Lce.-Cpl. P. White, 33 ft. 10½ ins. = 68 ft. 4½ ins.).

4, 3rd Royal Tank Corps (66 ft. 4 ins.).

5, 2nd Dorset Regt (66 ft. 2½ ins.).

Also competed.—2nd Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (62 ft. 6½ ins.); 1st Middlesex Regt. (62 ft. 8¾ ins.); T.B., Royal Signals (59 ft. 4½ ins.); R.T.C., R.E. (60 ft. 5½ ins.); Royal Signals, Southern Command (59 ft. 11½ ins.); Depôt Bn., R.E. (56 ft. 6½ ins.); Depôt Bn., Royal Signals (56 ft. 9½ ins.); 2nd Royal Welch Fus. (61 ft. 11 ins.); 1st York and Lancs. (64 ft. ½ in.); T.B., R.E. (59 ft. 10 ins.).

Best individual putt.—Gdsmn. McInerney, Lce.-Sgt. Foley, Sgt. Wootten (34 ft. 6 ins.).

Long Jump.—Final.

(Army record, 42 ft. 6 ins., 1st Lan. Fus., 1925.)

1, 1st Lan. Fus. (Lce.-Cpl. J. P. Long, 21 ft. 3 ins.; Lieut R. G. Ames, 20 ft. 2½ ins.) (41 ft. 5½ ins.)

2, 3rd Royal Tank Corps (Lieut O. F. M. Tudor, 20 ft. 6½ ins.; Pte. C. Walker, 19 ft. 2½ ins) (39 ft. 9 ins.).

3, 2nd Dorset Regt. (39 ft. 3½ ins.).

4, Depôt Bn., R.E. (39 ft. 3 ins.).

5, 2nd Royal Welch Fus. (39 ft.).

Also competed.—1st Irish Guards (35 ft. 7 ins.); 2nd Argyll and Sutherland Highl'd'rs. (33 ft. 2½ ins.); 1st Middlesex Regt. (37 ft. 9 ins.); T.B., Royal Signals (38 ft.); 1st Scots Guards (36 ft. 6 ins.); Royal Signals, Southern Command (35 ft. 6 ins.); 1st York and Lancs. (37 ft. 7 ins.); T.B., R.E. (38 ft. 8 ins.).

Best individual jump.—Lce.-Cpl. J. P. Long (21 ft. 3 ins.).

CHAMPIONSHIP PLACINGS.

	Pts.
1, 1st Bn. Lan. Fus.	40
2, 3rd Bn. Royal Tank Corps	30
3, Training Bn. Royal Signals (holders)	15
4, 2nd Bn. Dorset Regt.	11½
5, 1st Bn. Irish Guards	11
6, Depôt Bn., Royal Engineers	9
7, 1st Bn. Middlesex Regt.	8
8, 1st Bn. Scots Guards	7½
9, Railway Training Centre. R.E. ..	7
10, Training Bn. Royal Engineers ..	5

Also competed.—Depôt Bn. Royal Signals (3 pts.); 2nd Bn. Royal Welch Fus. (2 pts.); 1st Bn. York and Lancs. Regt. (1 pt.); 2nd Bn. Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (0 pt.); Royal Signals, Southern Command (0 pt.).

Previous Winners:—	Pts.
1922—2nd Green Howards	20
1923—Training Bn. R.C. Signals ..	22
1924—Training Bn. R.C. Signals ..	30
1925—Training Bn. R.C. Signals ..	27½

The Achilles Club.

The Achilles Club brought down a strong team for their match with us at Dover, and some excellent sport resulted, all the events being keenly contested, and only in the High Jump did the Achilles have a runaway victory. In the Two Miles relay the Achilles ran on a track 2 yds. wide, an interesting experiment, as, while handicapping the better team, it means that both teams are running level most of the way.

The events were as far as possible decided on the team principle, though four of the track events and the pole jump were individual.

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100 *Yards.*

1, E. R. Thoenen (A.) ; 2, Lce.-Cpl. Long ; 3, R. A. Beaver (A.) ; 4, Sgt. Daniels. (2 ft.) *Time*—10 2/5 secs.

440 *Yards.*

1, J. W. J. Rinkel (A.) ; 2, Sgt. Daniels ; 3, R. A. Beaver (A.) ; 4, Lce.-Cpl. Rorke. (2 yds., 4 yds.) *Time*—52 secs.

Mile.

1, V. E. Morgan (A.) ; 2, Sgt. Day ; 3, C. E. Davis (A.) ; 4, Bdsmn. Hipperson. (15 yds.) *Time*—4 mins. 21 secs.

Two Miles.

1, I. Thomas (A.) ; 2, W. A. M. Edwards (A.) ; 3, Bdsmn. Hipperson ; 4, Cpl. Keane. (20 yds., 10 yds.) *Time*—10 mins. 8 4/5 secs.

Pole Jump.

1, H. Ford (A.) (9 ft. 9 ins.) ; 2, Fus. Hey (9 ft. 6 ins. ; 3, Fus. Ward (8 ft. 6 ins.).

360 *Yards Hurdles Relay.*

1, 1st Lan. Fus. (Fus. Foster, Sgt. Wootten, Lieut. R. G. Ames) ; 2, Achilles owed 50 yds.) (R. S. Shaw, T. Livingstone-Learmouth, G. Weightman-Smith) ; (20 yds.). *Time*—52 3/5 secs.

Putting the Weight.

1, Achilles, 77 ft. 1 in. (C. P. Best, 39 ft. 4 ins. ; O. Jeffreys Jones, 37 ft. 9 ins.) ; 2, 1st Lan. Fus., 68 ft. 4½ ins. (Sgt. Wootten, 34 ft. 10½ ins. ; Lce.-Cpl. White, 33 ft. 6 ins.).

High Jump.

1, Achilles Club, 11 ft. 6 ins. (T. E. Tweed, 5 ft. 10 ins. ; G. Weightman-Smith, 5 ft. 8 ins.) ; 2, 1st Lan. Fus., 10 ft. 2 ins. (Lieut. R. G. Ames, 5 ft. 1 in. ; 2nd-Lieut. A. G. Ames, 5 ft. 1 in.).

Two Miles Relay (4 *at* 880 *yds.*).

1, Achilles (owed 101 yds.) (R. G. White, R. S. Starr, R. M. Dawson, L. A. C., D. G. A. Lowe) ; 2, 1st Lan. Fus. (Lieut. L. O. Lyne, Lce.-Cpl. Melchior, Lce.-Cpl. Clewes, Sgt. Day). (10 yds.) *Time*—8 mins. 25 4/5 secs.

Throwing the Discus.

1, Achilles, 188 ft. 9 in. (C. P. Best, 113 ft. 2 ins. ; O. Jeffreys Jones, 85 ft. 7 ins.) ; 2, 1st Lan. Fus., 187 ft. 2 ins. (Dmr. Wootten, 97 ft. 3 ins. ; Lce.-Cpl. Bailey, 89 ft. 11 ins.).

Long Jump.

1, Achilles Club, 45 ft. 4¾ ins. (V. B. V. Powell, 22 ft. 7¼ ins. ; T. E. Tweed, 20 ft. 9½ ins.) ; 2, 1st Lan. Fus., 42 ft. 8¾ ins. (Lieut. R. G. Ames, 21 ft. 7½ ins. ; Lce.-Cpl. Long, 21 ft. 1¼ ins).

880 *Rards Relay* (4 *at* 220 *yds.*).

1, 1st Lan. Fus. (Lce.-Cpl. Long, Lieut. R. G. Ames, Lce.-Cpl. Rorke, Sgt. Daniels) ; 2, Achilles (owed 25 yds. 9 ins.) (E. R. Thoenen, D. G. A. Lowe, V. B. V. Powell, J. W. J. Rinkel). (10 yds.) *Time*—1 min. 36 3/5 secs.).

CRICKET.

1st XI.

9/6/26. 1ST LAN. FUS. *v.* DOVER CRICKET CLUB. Won by 5 wickets.

Dover, 78 ; 1st Lan. Fus., 85 for 5 wickets.

Bowling : Gould, 6 for 15.

11/6/26. 1ST LAN. FUS. *v.* ST. LAWRENCE. Won by 3 wickets.

St. Lawrence, 106 for 6 (dec.) ; 1st Lan. Fus., 108 for 7 wickets.

16/6/26. 1ST LAN. FUS. *v.* DOVER CLUB. Won by 4 wickets.

Dover, 47 ; 1st Lan. Fus., 128 for 6 wickets.

Batting : Col. Spooner, 48 ; Capt Winterbottom, 43 not out.

Bowling : R.S.M. Maguire, 6 wickets for 20.

28/6/26. 1ST LAN. FUS. *v.* KING'S OWN. Won by 89 runs.

1st Lan. Fus., 193 ; King's Own, 104.

Batting : Lce.-Cpl. Pope, 54 not out ; Cpl. Kay, 28 not out.

3/7/26.—1ST LAN. FUS. *v.* DUKE OF YORK'S ROYAL MILITARY SCHOOL. Lost by 44 runs.

D.Y.R.M.S., 186 for 6 (dec.) ; 1st Lan. Fus., 142.

8/7/26. 1ST LAN. FUS. *v.* K.O.Y.L.I. Won by 8 wickets.

K.O.Y.L.I., 65 ; 1st Lan. Fus., 202 for 2.

Batting : Capt. Piggott, 103 not out ; Lce.-Cpl, Blythe, 54.

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15/7/26. 1ST LAN. FUS. *v.* ST. LAWRENCE. Lost by 86 runs.

St. Lawrence, 166 ; 1st Lan. Fus., 80.

Batting : Cpl. Kay, 38.

17/7/26. 1ST LAN. FUS. *v.* EAST KENT RAMBLERS. Won by 15 runs.

1st Lan. Fus., 110 ; East Kent Ramblers, 95.

Batting : Capt. Winterbottom, 48 not out.
Bowling : Cpl. Gould, 6 for 44.

9/8/26. 1ST LAN. FUS. *v.* 1ST QUEEN'S. Won by 4 wkts. 1st Queen's, 51 ; 1st Lan. Fus., 286 for 6.

1/9/26. 1ST LAN. FUS. *v.* DOVER CLUB. Lost by 21 runs.

1st Lan. Fus., 101 ; Dover, 122.

Batting : Capt. Winterbottom, 38.

BATTING AVERAGES.

1st XI.

		No. of Innings.	Times not out.	Highest Score.	Total.	Average.
1	Capt. Winterbottom	11	4	48*	231	33
2	Lce.-Cpl. Pope	12	4	54*	249	31.1
3	Lt.-Col. Spooner ..	9	1	65*	177	22.1
4	Capt. Piggott	11	1	103	212	21.2
5	Capt. Otway	11	2	48	181	20.1
6	Lce.-Cpl. Blythe ..	14	2	63	208	17.4
7	Cpl. Kay	12	2	51*	167	16.7
8	Lieut. Kenrick	13	3	32*	144	14.4
9	R.S.M. Maguire	10	1	37	124	13.7
10	Cpl. Gould	10	0	28	65	6.5

* Denotes not out.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

1st XI.

	Average.
Cpl. Gould, 43 wickets for 430 runs	10
R.S.M. Maguire, 36 wickets for 420 runs	11.2
Lce.-Cpl. Blythe, 26 wickets for 310 runs	11.9
Capt. Piggott, 16 wickets for 209 runs	13

Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.
10	7	3	0

2nd XI.

9/6/26. 1ST LAN. FUS. *v.* 1ST K.O.Y.L.I. (Guston Ground). Lost by 68 runs.

1st Lan. Fus., 38 ; K.O.Y.L.I., 106.

Batting : Fus. Clegg, 12.
Bowling : Cpl. Whitworth, 3 for 18.

16/6/26. 1ST LAN. FUS. *v.* QUEEN'S ROYAL REGT. (Connaught Barracks). Won by 48 runs.

1st Queen's, 62 ; 1st Lan. Fus., 110.

Batting : Cpl. Billingham, 21 ; Lieut. Latham, 20.
Bowling : Cpl. Billingham, 3 for 10 runs ; Lce.-Cpl. Cuffe, 3 for 13 runs.

25/6/26. 1ST LAN. FUS. *v.* 1ST K.O.Y.L.I. (Guston Ground). Won by 90 runs.

1st Lan. Fus., 132 ; 1st K.O.Y.L.I., 42.

Batting : Lce.-Cpl. Pope, 39 ; Fus. Dunn, 22 not out.

Bowling : Cpl. Whitworth, 4 for 30 runs.

26/6/26. 1ST LAN. FUS. *v.* CPL. GOULD'S XI. Won by 22 runs.

1st Lan. Fus., 113 ; Cpl. Gould's XI., 91.

Batting : Fus. Dunn, 28 ; Lieut. Latham, 23.
Bowling : Cpl. Whitworth, 6 for 33 ; Cpl. Gould, 7 for 22.

7/7/26. 1ST LAN. FUS. *v.* HODGSON'S XI. (Connaught Barracks). Won by 55 runs.

1st Lan. Fus., 136 ; Hodgson's XI., 81.

Batting : Lieut. Latham, 34 ; Fus. McKenzie, 23.
Bowling : 4 for 101 ; Cpl. Whitworth, 2 for 20.

10/7/26. "A" TEAM, 1ST LAN. FUS. *v.* DOVER COLLEGE 2ND XI. Won by 4 wickets and 72 runs.

1st Lan. Fus., 203 for 6 wkts. dec. ; Dover College, 131.

Batting : Cpl. Gould, 84 ; Cpl. Whitworth, 44.
Bowling : Cpl. Kay, 2 for 6 ; Cpl. Gould, 4 for 36.

28/7/26. "A" TEAM, 1ST LAN. FUS. *v.* WAR OFFICE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, SHORNCLIFFE. Won by 13 runs.

War Office School, 107 ; "A" Team, 1st Lan. Fus., 120.

Batting : Fus. Clegg, 37 ; Lieut. Latham, 22 not out.

Bowling : Lce.-Cpl. Milward, 4 for 9 ; Cpl. Kay, 5 for 22.

14/8/26. OLD PHAROSIANS *v.* 1ST LAN. FUS. "A" TEAM. Lost by 5 runs.

Old Pharosians, 145 ; "A" Team, 1st Lan. Fus., 140.

Batting : Cpl. Whitworth, 46 ; Fus. McKenzie, 27.
Bowling : Cpl. Whitworth, 1 for 6 ; Capt. Winterbottom, 3 for 44.

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11/9/26. OLD PHAROSIANS *v.* "A" TEAM, 1ST LAN. FUS. (Crabble). Won by 2 wickets and 11 runs.

1st Lan. Fus., 159 for 8 wickets (dec.) ; Old Pharosians, 148.

Batting: Lce.-Sgt. Kay, 49 ; Lce.-Cpl. Blythe, 40 not out.

Bowling: Lce.-Sgt. Kay, 5 for 42 ; Lce.-Cpl. Blythe, 3 for 25.

BATTING AVERAGES.

2nd XI.

		No. of Innings.	Times not out.	Highest Score.	Total	Average.
1	Cpl. Whitworth	13	2	60	241	21.9
2	Lieut. Latham	13	3	34	195	19.5
3	Fus. Dunn	8	1	28	91	13
4	Lce.-Cpl. Melchior ..	5	0	30	59	11.8
5	Fus. Schofield	6	0	35	64	10.6
6	Fus. Clegg	9	0	37	95	10
7	Fus. McKenzie	10	0	27	95	9.5
8	Lce.-Cpl. Bleasdale ..	7	1	21	54	9

BOWLING AVERAGES.

2nd XI.

	Wickets.	Runs.	Average.	Position.
Lce.-Cpl. Bleasdale ..	5	46	9.2	1
Fus. Schofield	7	105	15	2
Cpl. Whitworth	8	162	20.25	3
Lce.-Cpl. Milward ..	9	195	21.7	4

Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.
9	7	2	0

BAYONET FENCING.

Since the last issue of the *Gazette* we have been up to Olympia for the Royal Tournament.

We were full of confidence and started very well by beating the Lincolns in the first round by 11 fights to 7. This round was very exciting, and we witnessed some very good fights. In the second round we met the Seaforth Highlanders, and lost by 10 fights to 7. The team could not reproduce the form of the previous round, and the Seaforths, who had the advantage of reach, deserved to win.

We extend our congratulations to the Seaforths, and hope we shall have the pleasure of meeting them again next year. In the Individuals, Fus. McIntyre reached the final pool, and we hope he will have better luck next year. We were very lucky to have the help of Sgt. Holder in training the team ; his coaching and advice were of the greatest help, and we hope he is still with us next year. The Colonel presented the medals last month on parade, and wished us better luck next year.

BOXING NOTES.

We hope to open our boxing season as soon as Brigade Training is over, and are trying to stage a Brigade Novices' Tournament in Dover early in October. Cpl. Watts has been selected by the Army Boxing Association to box a special 6-round contest at Aldershot in October, against Guardsman Stanton, Grenadier Guards, this year's winner of the Army Welter-Weight.

Cpl. Grace has also been selected to box Sgt. Beal, 2nd Buffs, this year's winner of the Army Bantam-Weight. The winners of these bouts will represent the Army in the two weights against the Free State Army in Dublin later in the year. The Bn. Boxing Team commence training in October for the Army Team Championships, which commence in November. The draw will be published as soon as it is received. Cpls. Watts and Grace have both completed a course for boxing instruction, and will be of great assistance to any who care to take up boxing during the winter months. They (Watts and Grace) are to be congratulated on their excellent report from the P.T. School, Shorncliffe.

SOCCER NOTES.

This season our 1st Team is competing in the Folkestone and District Senior League, and as we go to press has played three games, winning all three very easily. Our opponents to date have been the 3rd Bn. R.T.C., Deal Town, and Ramsgate Grenville, the scores being 4—1, 12—0 and 7—2 in our favour. Against the R.T.C. and Deal Town we played real match winning football. The team work was splendid, the combination of the halves and forwards, and the way the ball was kept down, an immense improvement on last season's play.

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Against Ramsgate, however, the play was entirely different. Instead of the polished play of the two previous matches we degenerated into a second-rate team full of bustle of the kick-and-rush style. Although this kind of play payed against Ramsgate, it is not 1st League football, and must stop.

The most pleasing feature of this season is the greatly increased enthusiasm and keenness of the players and spectators. Every man is on his mettle, knowing that he is playing to keep his place, as there are at least twenty men waiting to step into the team.

In conclusion I repeat the advice published in No. 2 *Gazette*. Never question a referee's decision, play the whistle, don't appeal, keep your temper even if you are fouled, keep the ball low and take heed of your captain.

Fixtures for the next quarter are appended.

Oct.	2	Dover United *v.* 1st Lan. Fus., away.
,,	9	Royal Marines *v.* 1st Lan. Fus., at Deal.
,,	16	1st Lan. Fus. *v.* 11th Hussars, at Home.
,,	23	Folkestone *v.* 1st Lan. Fus., at Folkestone.
,,	30	1st Lan. Fus. *v.* Queen's Royal Regt., at Home.
Nov.	6	1st Lan. Fus. *v.* Royal Inniskilling Fus., at Home.
,,	13	1st Lan. Fus. *v.* Folkestone, at Home.
,,	20	1st Bn. Queen's Royal Regt. *v.* 1st Lan. Fus., at Dover.
,,	27	1st Lan. Fus. *v.* Royal Air Force, at Home.
Dec.	4	3rd Bn. R.T.C. *v.* 1st Lan. Fus., at Lydd.
,,	18	11th Hussars *v.* 1st Lan. Fus., at Shorncliffe.

The 2nd Team compete in the R.C.P.U.S. League, and like the 1st Team they are full of keenness. As we go to press they are playing their first match. The following is a provisional fixture list for the quarter Oct., Nov. and December :—

Oct.	6	1st Lan. Fus. *v.* Royal Air Force., at Home.
,,	13	1st Lan. Fus. *v.* 1st Bn. Queen's Royal Regt., at Home.
Nov.	3	Royal Inniskilling Fus. *v.* 1st Lan. Fus., at Shorncliffe.
,,	18	Royal Air Force *v.* 1st Lan. Fus., at Manston.
Dec.	1	1st Bn. Queen's Royal Regt. *v.* 1st Lan. Fus., at Dover.

HOCKEY NOTES.

Practice matches are in full swing, everyone as keen as mustard, and judging from the standard of play we look like having a really good team. The following fixtures have been arranged to date :—

Oct.	2	*v.* Canterbury H.C., at Dover.
,,	13	*v.* 1st K.O.Y.L.I., at Dover.
,,	16	*v.* Dover H.C., at Dover.
,,	20	*v.* Dover Wednesday H.C., at Dover.
,,	23	*v.* Canterbury H.C., at Canterbury.
Nov.	10	*v.* Queen's Royal Regt., at Guston.
,,	13	*v.* Royal Inniskilling Fus., at Shorncliffe.
,,	20	*v.* 2nd Bedfs. and Herts. Regt., at Guston.
Dec.	1	*v.* The Grove H.C., at Hythe.
,,	11	*v.* Old Manwoodians H.C., at Dover.
,,	15	*v.* D.Y.R.M.S., at Dover.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

We are looking forward to another successful season, as, though we shall miss C.S.M. Smith, the rest of last year's team are available, and we have great expectations from some of the newcomers to the team at the latter end of last season. A strong fixture list is being arranged, including one or two London Clubs, and this year in addition to the Army Cup we have entered for the Kent County Senior Cup. In addition to the fixtures given, several others are being arranged, but at the time of going to press the dates for these were not definitely settled.

Oct.	2	*v.* U.S., Chatham, "A," at Chatham.
,,	6	*v.* 2nd Bn. Bedfs. and Herts., at Guston.
,,	13	*v.* 3rd Bn. R.T.C., at Lydd.
,,	16	*v.* Hastings and Bexhill, at Bexhill.
,,	23	*v.* Dover Club, at Guston.
,,	30	*v.* Herne Bay, at Herne Bay.
Nov.	3	*v.* Guy's Hospital "A," at Guston.
,,	10	*v.* R.A.F., Manston, at Manston.
,,	13	*v.* Thanet Wanderers, at Guston.
,,	17	*v.* Royal Marines, at Deal.
,,	24	*v.* Tonbridge, at Tonbridge.
,,	27	*v.* St. Bart.'s Hospital "A," at Guston.
Dec.	1	*v.* Royal Marines, at Guston.

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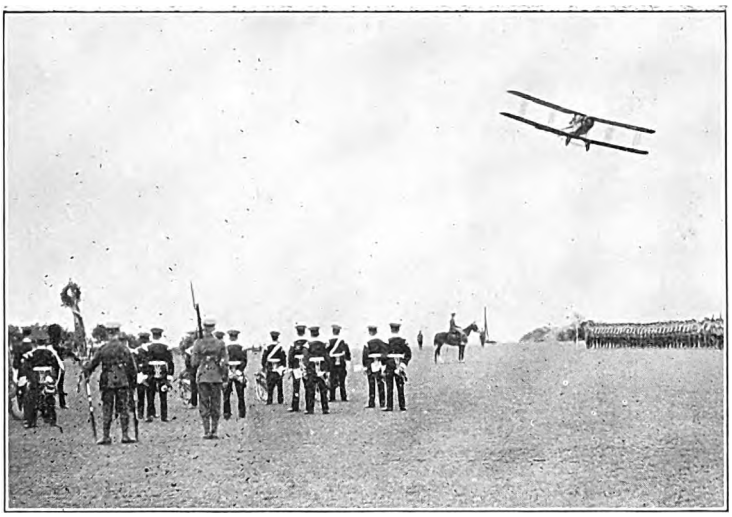
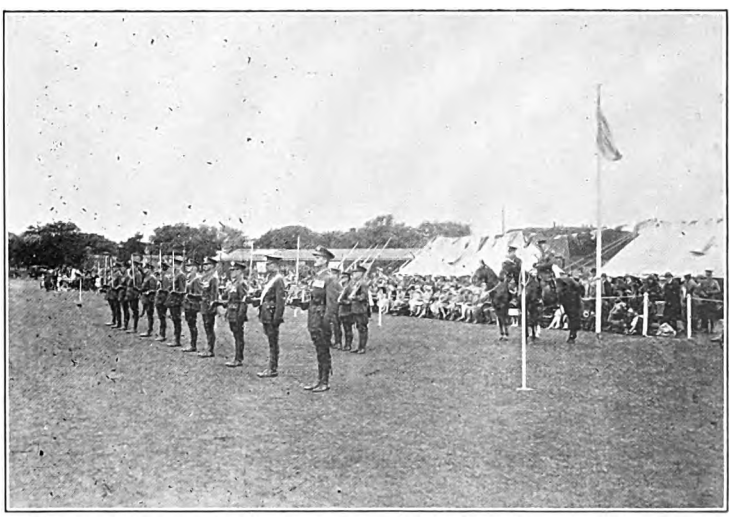


Photo] THE AIRMAN DROPPING ROSES ON THE PARADE. [*Whorwell, Dover.*



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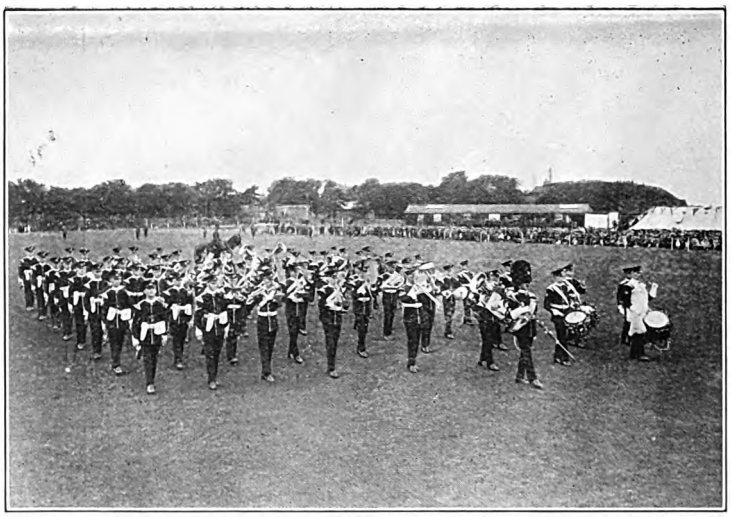

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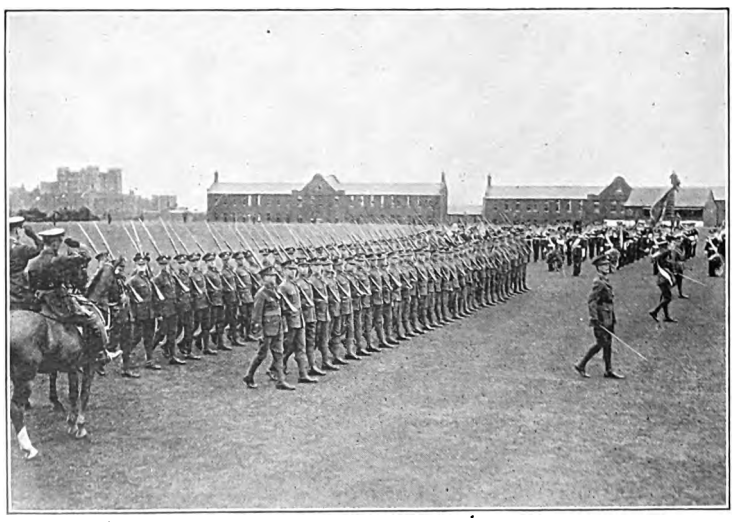

Photo] THE REGIMENTAL COLOUR PASSING THE SALUTING BASE. [*Whorwell, Dover.*

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MISCELLANEOUS MEMS.

To the Editor of "Gallipoli Gazette."

SIR,

Having been struck by the lack of picturesque language, as used in modern times, and seeing the splendid opportunity the routine of the Service would give to a revival of such language as was in use by the soldiers and officers of Shakespeare's days, I beg to submit a few examples of how certain routine could be carried out. For example, we have the Battalion Orderly Sergeant parading the fatigues in some such words as these :—

B.O.S. : Attention ! My masters, to-day thou hast been chosen from all others to carry out the orders of our Master, Sir Spooner ——. Do thou this task right well, and he will reward thee by large sums of money on Friday his pay day.

Now, in obedience to his decree—Rear rank, one pace rearwards march ! I' faith, and what have we here ? Why, thou scurvy knave, thou hast not trimmed thy beard ! Speak ! and right quickly, or bestrewth, I'll shave thee with one stroke of my trusty bayonet ! Hast thou shaved ?

SCURVY KNAVE : Nay !

B.O.S. : Nay what, dog ?

SCURVY KNAVE : Nay, not shaven !

B.O.S.—Oh ! oh ! ! Orderly scribe ! ! ! Take me this saucy varlet his name, and remove him with all speed to the deepest dungeon of the fort : there to await our Master's pleasure.

. . . .

Or, again, we might have the guard mounted by the Orderly Officer in something like the following manner :—

ORDERLY OFFICER : Sirs, take your places, and be vigilant. If any noise or soldiers you perceive near to the rails, by some apparent sign let us have knowledge at the watch house.

SGT. : Sir ! you shall.

Exit ORDERLY OFFICER (*soliloquising*) : Thus are poor soldiers, when others sleep upon their beds, constrained to watch in darkness, rain and cold !

(*Entering Mess*) Oh ! waiter, a measure of good wine, together with sundry victuals, do thou, with my compliments, present to each member of the watch ; and the Sergeant, a man of goodly girth, take him a double measure ; and the costs, set them aside to me.

. . . .

On the occasion of a Junior Subaltern taking Company Orders for the first time :—

J.S. : Ho ! Sgt.-Major ! Have we to see any offenders against the laws of this mighty realm ? any grave offenders against the State ? or any varlet who disturbs the easy slumber of the Orderly Sergeant ? If so, bring him hence that we may deal with him according to the law.

C.S.M. : Sir, may it please you, we have but one—a scurvy knave, who was three days absent from his quarters.

J.S. : Bring him forth !

C.S.M. : Just so ! Ho ! there, without ! Fus. Lardhead, remove thy head-dress ! Two paces forward, and stand thee steady. Sir ! I present to thee Fus. Lardhead.

J.S. : Soldier, I hear grave ill of thee ; three days wast thou absent—a dastardly crime ! Hear this, thy sentence—seven years' confinement in the bottom dungeon ! ! !

C.S.M. : Hold ! Sir ! ! (*aside*) It behoves me ill to set thee aright, but, Sir, i'faith thou canst but give him three days' pay.

J.S. (*producing coins from his pocket*) : Here ! Varlet ! ! is thy three days' pay. Come not again lest thou find my purse, like an over-turned pail—empty ! Sgt.-Major ! send him about his business.

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The Commanding Officer's orders would gain dignity and have a deterrent effect on offenders if carried out in something like the following style :—

SIR PAGE : Sgt.-Major, hast thou prepared the missive setting forth the various evils and misdeeds of the evildoers ?

R.S.M. : Sir ! they are prepared.

SIR PAGE : Then let them doff their helms and come before our Master, Sir Spooner.

R.S.M. : 'Tis well. Oh, there ! Lancaster, of the regimental watch, do thou precede the varlet, one Atkins, into his Lordship's presence and mark vigilantly—one false sign or subtle movement, run him shrewdly thro' his gizzard !

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LANCASTER : Sir ! Too true ! !

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We could imagine the scene enacted before the C.O. to be something like this :—

C.O. : Stand forth ! Fusilier Atkins, of " D " Co., in sight of Sir Tallents and ourself, your guilt is great. Receive the sentence of the laws, for sins such as thine by K.R.'s are adjudged to death ! You. Varlet ! from hence to prison, back again from thence to the place of execution.

The Master Cook, one Davies, will burn thee and render thee down to oil, G.S. Thus shall a worthless article become at last of value.

Ho ! my Masters, away with him !

ATKINS : Sir ! I pray thee mercy ! mercy ! Condemn me not to be strewn over the pavement, as the Master Gunner, Cusack, his men do splash oil, G.S., wantonly, as witness the sinister stains without his stores. Rather have me flayed, and my worthless skin to the cobblers be sent, as, Sir, my other name was Hardskin.

C.O. : Hold ! No more of thy senseless prating. One more chance I give thee, seven days shalt thou do penance in thy chamber, and not quit save when our Constable, one White, shall require thee to assist him in his many arduous tasks. Go now, and mend thy ways, less evil befall thee.

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And, finally, we have a parade of the Machine Gunners. What a subject ! What an epic could be formed rivalling even Homer with his " Helen of Troy " ! What about " Vickers of Barrow " ?

Thusly :—

LORD DE CU-SAC : What ho ! my valiant gunners, bestir thyselves ! And thou, thou purling wretch ! think not 'tis a 9.2 thy arms embrace ; 'tis but one small gun, passing light. Thy lanky legs bend curiously, methinks thy name should be Hairpin, which delicate ladies bend with slender fingers to suit their capricious hair. Come, wretch ! straighten up thy shanks and bethink thyself of the traditions of the past—the battlefields of Lydd ; of Netheravon ; and Beech's Barn. What ho ! Sir Cam, take me this jellybag to Sir Mank and splints, two, affix to his lanky, boneless legs.

SIR CAM : Sir ! Methinks this varlet grows too fast apace ; his head and feet being so far apart, communication twixt the two needs must be tardy.

SIR CU. : Ho ! ho ! ! A cure we'll soon find for that ! What ho ! Master Tailor ! a reef in this man's shanks, I speedily desire. But e'now ! On to the breech—for St. George and Merrie England ! Before this day is done, some honourable scars must be won ; be not afraid, the M.O.'s shop is hard by, and so—— fall out, one ! ! !

W.G.C.

Galvanising the Sport of Kings.

A correspondent of an Indian newspaper has created a sensation in sporting circles. Inspired by pictures of the Manchester mechanical hare, which is electrically propelled down the track in front of the whippets, he suggests that horse-racing in Calcutta should be carried out on these lines. He is a true lover of animals, and he congratulates the Trafford Park management, where " there are no jockey riders to beat on with cruel whips unwilling dogs, nor do I suppose that trainers of dogs are allowed inside starting boxes to give dogs sound slap when door is opened for start, and of course there is no shedding of blood which is so objectionable to us Indians. Of course, I do not suggest that horse is a carnivorous animal, but I know from friends of mine who have been to England that in fox hunting fields restive horses which have thrown riders will follow hunting dogs acting on their own inclinations and will keep on running for many miles." This being so, of course the rest is obvious.

THE DOUBLE EVENT.

" To be brief, I suggest that R.C.T.C. should provide toy fox propelled mechanically, and small pack of hunting dogs. These dogs will chase fox with much glad noise, and horses excited and restless from clamour will join in pursuit. It need not be said that horses will not have jockeys on their backs, so all cruelty will be avoided. A very pleasing and sporting spectacle will be the result. Added to this those of us who enjoy what I may term a little ' flutter ' will have

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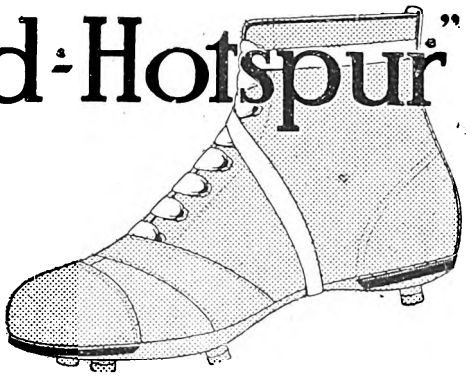

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pleasure of wagering on first three dogs as well as first three horses past the post, and combination on dog and horse will give added zest to casual punter." After which it only remained for another genius this morning to suggest the adoption of direct action by an electrical carrot.

To the Point.

The last draft had just arrived from the Depôt, and were undergoing the usual cross-examination — inspection, etc. The C.O asked one bright-looking youth: "What was your job in civilian life?" The youth replied, "Miner, Sir!" "Where?" queried the C.O., and the R.S.M. nearly died of apoplexy as the answer came pat, "Down a coal mine, Sir!"

FUS. NORRIS: "I have lost my *Gallipoli Gazette*, Sergeant."

SGT. RAMSDEN: "Take mine."

FUS. NORRIS: "Alright, Sergeant."

SGT. RAMSDEN: "And I'll chop you're b—— finger off."

During the Battle of the Somme, July, 1916, the 2nd Lan. Fus. went into the line in front of Beaumont Hamel, where the 1st Bn. had gone over on the 1st July. Parties of men went out every night to bring in the wounded, who were still lying about in shell holes, etc.

About the 10th July, two Privates of the 1st Bn. were found in "No Man's Land" and brought in. One of them was badly wounded in the thigh, the other had had a bullet through his hand. Asked why they hadn't come in before, they replied that "they didn't know which way to go, and when they heard the search parties they were afraid they might be Huns!"

Asked what made them come in eventually, they replied, "It coom on to rain!"

Spots from the Inkwell.

Army and Empire history revised by some of our students.

Q.—Ladysmith and Lucknow are connected with your Regiment. State in what manner.

A. 1.—Lucknow has always belonged to England since Lord Clive took it.

A. 2.—Lord Clive served in the Regiment as a clerk, afterwards commanded and led the Regiment against the Red Indians, defeating them at Lucknow.

A. 3.—During the war in Russia (?) the 20th Foot went to Ladysmith and tried to *relave* it.

Lucknow is in Europe!

Wolfe commanded the XX. at Minden!

The Regiment also fought under Wolfe at Quebec!

BIRTHS.

LOWRY.—At Manchester, on 6th July, 1926, to the wife of Cpl. Lowry, 1st Bn. Lan. Fus.—a son, Kenneth.

CLEWES.—At Dover, on 7th July, 1926, to the wife of Lce.-Cpl. Clewes, 1st Bn. Lan. Fus.—a son, George.

MAY.—At Dover, on 8th July, 1926, to the wife of Lce.-Sgt. May, 1st Bn. Lan. Fus.—a daughter, Edna.

HOGAN.—At Guston, Dover, on 2nd August, 1926, to the wife of Fus. Hogan, 1st Bn. Lan. Fus.—a son, Anthony Rex.

CALLAGHAN.—At Dover, on 20th August, 1926, to the wife of Lce.-Cpl. Callaghan, 1st Bn. Lan. Fus.—a daughter, Alice.

BORRINETTI.—At Dover, on 24th August, 1926, to the wife of Fus. Borrinetti, 1st Bn. Lan. Fus.—a son, Ronald James.

MARRIAGES.

DALKIN—DIXON.—At Stockton-on-Tees, on 11th August, 1926, Fus. E. Dalkin, "B" Co., 1st Lan. Fus., to Annie Florence Dixon.

CHALLONER—HALL.—At Dover, on 15th September, 1926, Fus. J. Challoner, H.Q. Co., 1st Lan. Fus., to Edith Owen Hall.

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EDITORIAL.

THE chief item of interest affecting the *Gazette* which has occurred during the last quarter, is the departure of Captain T. R. Blain, M.C., from the Editorial chair.

Capt. Blain has nursed the *Gazette* through its infancy, and we all owe him a great debt of gratitude for his splendid work as Editor in producing the first three numbers.

All ranks of the Battalion warmly congratulate the late Editor on the excellence of the October issue.

Judging by the letters of congratulation on the first three numbers, and the interest taken in the *Gazette* by all ranks in the Bn., we may consider that we are correct in saying that the *Gazette* has justified its inception.

We want our readers to write and tell us how we can best enlarge the scope of the *Gazette*, how we can make it more attractive to all who purchase it. Constructive criticism we welcome, support we must have.

And the best support is in the form of literary vitamines—by that we mean articles and photographs for publication.

Our objects in running a Battalion journal are to supply all ranks with up-to-date news of the Regiment and Battalion; to record our numerous achievements which otherwise would never be recorded at all; to maintain touch with our old comrades who have left the Service; and to act as a supplement to the Annual.

In closing the Editorial we should like to convey our best wishes for 1927 to all our readers, and to thank the subscribers, contributors and advertisers for their valuable support in 1926, and hope that they will continue to help us in the future.

A few subscriptions are still due for 1926. Will those who have not yet forwarded their subscriptions kindly do so as soon as convenient.

The Editor begs to announce that the terms of subscription for Other Ranks, past and present, has now been definitely fixed at four shillings (4s.) per annum.

EDITOR.

JOTTINGS.

LIEUT.-COL. R. Luker has been away from the Bn. since the early part of October, on a course at the London School of Economics.

Major and Mrs. T. Slingsby paid us a visit on the 28th of November, to say *au revoir* prior to their departure for India. Our very best wishes go with them for a happy and successful tour with the 2nd Bn.

After a very short stay with the Bn., Capt. J. W. Evatt has left us for another spell with the S.A.C., this time with the Designs Dept., Woolwich. However, it is not a great distance from Guildford to Dover, so we hope to see him very often.

We wish our new Adjutant, Capt. H. F. Otway a very successful term of office.

Capt. G. F. Page is attached to the Eastern Command H.Q., preparatory to taking the Staff College examination. We wish him the very best of luck.

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Capt. T. R. Blain left the Bn. on the 2nd of October, to take up the Adjutancy of the 6th (T.A.) Bn. Lan. Fus. Needless to say, we miss him very much and wish him the best of luck.

We extend a hearty welcome to Capt. and Mrs. R. C. Harris, on rejoining from the 6th (T.A.) Bn. Lan. Fus.

Another old friend, in Capt. A. D. Macdonald, has left us and sailed early in October for Iraq and the new Arab Army. We wish him the very best of luck, and hope for good news from him very soon.

The Editor wishes to thank Major C. O. Ibbetson and C.S.M. V. C. Froude for their most welcome donations to the *G.G.*

Our old Quartermaster, Capt. F. W. Cox, retired on the 8th of October, after soldiering for 27 years in the Regiment. A very fine record of loyal service spent in the interests of the Regiment, and all ranks wish him the very best of luck in civil life.

In October we received a visit from Capts. J. C. Latter and Maurice Healey. We hope that they enjoyed their stay with us and we are looking forward with great pleasure to their next visit.

Lieut. E. W. Oxenford joined the Bn. on the 29th of November. We extend a cordial welcome to him, and we are sure that he will be as happy with us as he was with the 2nd Battalion.

Lieuts. F. Franks and J. E. Slattery have rejoined from the 4th Division and 12th Inf. Bde. H.Q. respectively.

We also received a visit from Lieut. G. L. Shadwell, who has been passed fit and proceeds to India in the New Year. We wish him the best of luck in the "Shiny."

We welcome 2nd-Lieut. S. R. Garratt on his being posted to the Bn. on First Appointment, and 2nd-Lieut. H. B. G. Allatt, who is attached to the Bn. for six months.

Extract from War Office letter dated 14th Sept., 1926:—

"R.Q.M.S. J. N. Laverick, D.C.M., is promoted to Lieut. and Quartermaster with effect from 8th October, 1926, *vice* Q.M. and Capt. F. W. Cox M.C."

All ranks were particularly pleased to receive a visit from C.S.M. V. C. Froude and Sgt. Balme. This is C.S.M. Froude's first leave from Malaya, where that other stalwart Lan. Fus., C.S.M. Smith, V.C., is endeavouring to teach Rugger to the natives of Ipok. Smudger's cry of "Feet! Feet!!" has been adopted by his platoon as their war cry. We wish both Froude and Smith the best of luck "out there."

On the occasion of our visit to Regents Park for the rugger match, all ranks were entertained by the "Blues" in their various Messes. This fine old Regiment, which dates from 1661, tendered their hospitality in the good old pre-war style, and we are looking forward to the visit of the N.C.O.'s on Gallipoli Day, so that we may repay them for their great kindness to us on the 7th December.

Another large draft leaves us early in January for the 2nd Bn. We wish them *bon voyage* and the best of luck.

The Editor apologises for the omission of the names of Mr. E. N. Miles, the Bandmaster, and R.S.M. J. J. Maguire from the account of the Minden Day parade which appeared in No. 3 *Gazette*.

May we again appeal to our readers to support the *Gallipoli Gazette* by dealing with the firms who advertise with us. You can help the *Gazette* by obtaining advertisements.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Capt. H. F. Otway on his appointment as Adjutant.

To Lieut. J. N. Laverick on his promotion.

To Capt. Rollo Worthington on his promotion.

To Cpl. Paddy Long on his being selected to play for the Army Soccer Team.

To Cpl. Watts on his many successes in the ring.

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To Sgts. Day and Daniels, Cpl. Long, Fus. Melchoir and Bdsmn. Hipperson on their selection to represent the Army on the track.

To the Rugby team on their successes in the Army Cup Tournament.

To the parents concerned on the happy events mentioned in the births column.

To Mr. E. N. Miles on his splendid recovery from his recent illness and operation.

To Lieut. F. Franks, M.C., on winning the Revolver Cup 1926, for the second year in succession.

To all those who fired in the competition for the Duke of Connaught Cup. It has taken us five years to win this trophy, and we are going all out to retain it in 1927.

To the Bn. Soccer Team on the great improvement in their play and results.

HISTORY OF THE REGIMENT.

Part III.

The 8th Battalion (T.A.).

THE present 8th Bn. was originally part of the 56th Lancashire Rifle Volunteers, who were raised in 1860 and wore a grey uniform with shako. In 1885 the Bn. was transferred from the Manchester Regimental District to the Lancashire Fusilier District, becoming the 3rd Vol. Bn. Lancashire Fusiliers. On the inauguration of the Territorial Force the left half Bn. becoming the present 8th Bn.

The Bn. has a most distinguished war record, three companies serving in South Africa during the war of 1899–02. During the Great War the Bn. served in Egypt from September, 1914, to the spring of 1915; Gallipoli from May, 1915, to the evacuation, taking part in all the principal battles.

After the evacuation of the Peninsula the Bn. worked on the Suez Canal defences, and later took part in the Battles of Romania, Katia, and El Arish.

On the 2nd March, 1917, the Bn. disembarked at Marseilles and proceeded straight to the front, where it performed valiantly in different parts of the line in France and Belgium.

After a period of 92 days in the line the Bn. was called upon to take part in the great final advance.

During the last three months of the war the Bn. fought in the Battles of Bapaume, Cambrai, and St. Quentin, including the attack on the Hindenburg Line, Selle River, and Maubeuge, the advance through the Mormal Forest and the crossing of the Sambre.

Truly a record to be proud of.—ED.

FROM 1688 TO 1741.

THE Regiment was raised in the vicinity of Exeter by Sir Robert Peyton (whose commission as Colonel was dated 20th November, 1688), and was allotted its numerical title XX., which it has retained to this day.

A little over twelve months elapsed, and then the Regiment proceeded to Ireland, receiving its baptism of fire at the Battle of the Boyne, 1st July, 1690, also taking part in the first and second Sieges of Limerick and the Battle of Aughrim, 11th July, 1691.

In 1702 the XX. left Ireland, and proceeded to the Isle of Wight, being stationed there until 1st July of that year, when, England having entered the War of the Spanish Succession, the XX. embarked for sea service under Admiral Sir George Rooke.

The force of which the XX. formed a part landed near Cadiz (Spain) and fought in many minor actions until, together with the 19th, 35th and 36th Regiments, the XX. sailed for the Leeward Islands (West Indies), 24th September, 1702, returning to Europe 1704 and proceeding to Ireland.

The XX. next saw service in Portugal, from 1707 to 1713, taking part in many actions culminating in the Battle of La Gudina.

The XX. proceeded to Gibraltar from Portugal in 1713, and was present at the thirteenth siege, 10th February to 12th June, 1727. No Regiment seems to have performed any particular act of service during the siege, but the XX. had more men killed, including those who died from their wounds, than any other corps engaged in the defence.

In May, 1728, the XX. arrived in Ireland from Gibraltar, remaining in that country until 1741, when it was withdrawn and stationed in the South of England.

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NOTE.—The writer apologises for the scanty description of the period 1688–1741, and begs to inform the readers of the *Gallipoli Gazette* that a full account of each battle honour inscribed on the Colours will be published in subsequent editions.

THE COLOURS.

COLOURS, under the name of flags, banners, and standards, are of great antiquity, and their importance has been immense, in all ages, among all nations and in all kinds of warfare.

Each country in the world has its own National flag or standard, and in the Union Jack we have a combination of the flags of England (St. George's Cross), Scotland (St. Andrew's Cross), and Ireland (St. Patrick's Cross).

At the Battles of Crecy and Poictiers, in the 14th Century, and Agincourt, 15th Century, in addition to the Royal Standard (Cross of St. George), the positions of the companies of knights, archers and men-at-arms were marked by their banners.

The Commander of the Army was thus able to follow the progress of the battle by observing the positions of the various banners.

About the year 1587, the flags of the Infantry, from their diversity of hues had gained the name of Colours. When Charles II. formed the first standing Army, in 1660, each company had its own Colour, and afterwards in some English Regiments there were at one time three Colours, called respectively, the Royal, Colonel's, and Regimental.

About the middle of the 18th Century it was decreed that there should be two in each corps—a Royal Standard and a Regimental Colour—both of silk, the latter of the same hue as the facings of the Regiment.

It was considered a great honour to capture the enemy's Colours, the fiercest fighting usually occurring in the defence and capture of them. Men gladly laid down their lives rather than see their beloved Colours captured by the enemy ; and some of the bravest deeds in our history have been performed in the defence of the Colours.

During the American War of Independence, when, through mismanagement, the Army under Burgoyne had to surrender, the old XX. burned the Colours rather than surrender them (17th October, 1777).

In the days when Colours were carried into action, two officers, called Ensigns, bore the Colours ; and in 1813 a certain number of N.C.O.'s, called Colour-Sergeants, were appointed specially to protect the Ensigns.

When new Colours were presented in 1870 the old Colours (presented by the Duke of Wellington in 1838) were deposited in Exeter Cathedral, and it is interesting to note that the poles were the ones that had been carried through the Peninsular War, 1808–14, the Crimean War, 1854–56, and the Indian Mutiny, 1857–58.

The present Colours date from 1870, and are in a remarkable state of preservation, only one Regiment (the Essex Regt., I believe) having Colours so well preserved.

Emblazoned on the King's Colour are the ten Battle Honours gained in the Great War, viz., " Retreat from Mons " ; " Aisne, 1914, 1918 " ; " Ypres, 1915, '17, '18 " ; " Somme, 1916, '18 " ; " Arras, 1917, '18 " ; " Passchendaele " ; " Cambrai, 1917, '18 " ; " Hindenburg Line " ; " Macedonia, 1915–18 " ; " Landing at Helles."

The Battle Honours emblazoned on the Regimental Colour are " Dettingen," " Minden," " Egmont-op-Zee," " Maida," " Vimiera," "Corunna," " Vittoria," " Pyrenees," " Orthes," " Toulouse," " Peninsular," " Alma," " Inkerman," " Sevastopol," " Lucknow," " Khartoum," " Relief of Ladysmith," " South Africa, 1899–1902."

In addition, on the Regimental Colour are emblazoned the Red Rose, the word " Egypt " and the Sphinx, the Laurel Wreath, and in the centre our numerical title in Roman numerals circumscribed by the words " East Devonshire "—surmounted by the Royal Crown.

On the introduction of the Territorial system, in 1881, the Regt. became the " Lancashire Fusiliers," and Part VIII. of General Order No. 41, dated War Office, 1st May, 1881, dealing with the new organisation, to take effect from 1st July, 1881, read :—

" *Honours and Distinctions.*—All distinctions, mottoes, badges or devices appearing in the Army List or on the Colours borne by either of the Line Battalions of a Territorial Regiment, will in future be borne by both these Battalions."

This held good until the Great War, in which 30 Lancashire Fusilier Bns. took part

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in 63 engagements. Honours up to a maximum of ten were allowed to be emblazoned on the King's Colours, and A.O. 470 of December, 1922, also decreed that the Honours emblazoned on the King's and Regimental Colours will be the same for all Units comprising the Regiment concerned, and will be shown in the Army List in thick type.

The Colours are therefore a record of the achievements of all Bns. of the Regiment in all parts of the world, and a perpetual memorial to those gallant men of the XX. who died in the service of our King and Country, and in upholding the honour and good name of the Regiment.

THE WANDERINGS OF THE CHILDREN OF LANFUS.

Chapter III.

25. And it came to pass that a great day in the history of the Children was to be celebrated right well and lo! a great muster under arms had been commanded.

26. Know ye then that much time was given to the preparation of the muster, and there were many who tore their hair deciding whether it should be "Wheel" or "Form" around the base. And although the book sayeth Form, the Father of the Children voted for the Wheel, and the Children answered, "Yea, Father, so shall it be!"

27. And those that came from afar to witness the muster didst afterwards cry out, Hereyoah! Hereyoah!! which being interpreted meaneth Good! Good!! Very well done!!! Wherefore the Children's "Cup of Joy" was full to the brim, even to oyerflowing—likewise many of the Children.

28. And an old warrior from amongst them (he a captain of George our King) didst break bread with them for the last time, and much good advice he gave the Children. And e'en yet the glad wishes of the Children for his future welfare should be ringing in his ears.

29. At a certain building set apart from the dwellings of the Children, it is the custom on every seventh day to fire the gun amidst much rejoicing. And it came to pass that one night the gun revoked, yea! it stopped third. Know ye then that a King's captain, being well versed in gunnery, didst strike a match to set the gun going. And it did go—so did he—to hospital.

30. Much training had the Children, even unto night attacks. Enemies had they none, so in turn companies became enemies for the nonce. So it was decided to take unto them their armour for war, and did they not storm hedges and stooks both by day and night?

31. And by night one company of the Children didst use the password, "Lawrence" (this being a word constantly on the lips of the Children). Wherefore their enemies didst use the word "Wangle," there being, so it is said, some connection between the words.

32. And it came to pass that warriors from afar were to be shown how to go to war, and the Children didst comb their city for every mother's son, they that hacked the meat and polished the Sam-Browne being present.

33. The Children of "C" bid farewell to Har the son of Rington, who journeyed for many days to the land of Ind, the land of Dhobis and Mehtas, monkeys and parrots. Before his departure he didst solemnly entrust the writer with the duty of Chronicler of the Wanderings of the Children. May good fortune prosper him, and may he be sure that his former boon companions will e'er remember him.

34. And they of the Children who were skilled in the noble art of fisticuffs didst show their prowess, the Children of "D" losing to the Children of "A," and for this hard lines "D," and well done "A."

35. Now, many of the Children kick the ball, and many catch the ball with outstretched hands, and be it known that these Children show promise of great things, even unto the winning of Cups and Leagues—perhaps.

36. And it came to pass that towards the end of the eleventh month, November, that of rain (and plenty of it), many of the Children returned from furlough, which meaneth a loafe, and they fed up. Their brethren in arms didst have much pleasure when greeting them with the news that even on the morrow they would parade for fatigues. And the prodigals answered, "Yea, brothers, so shall it be"—and it was so.

HERE ENDETH THE 3RD CHAPTER.

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XMAS.

Christmas comes but once a year ;
And every little Fusilier
Way up from murky Lancashire,
Each one,
Should gather his companions dear,
Take in his hand a pot of beer
And say : " Come on, you fellows, here
Is fun."

Christmas comes ; 'tis in the air.
A hush pervades the barrack square,
Especially in the cookhouse, where,
The nonce,
Odours both savoury and rare
Carry a whiff of Christmas fare ;
Even the cooks have ceased to swear
For once.

Christmas is nigh ; a cheerful day.
We eat our fill, nor murmur " Nay,"
But drink whatever comes our way
And weave
Fancies both envious and gay,
Clinking our glasses, as we say :
" Here's to those lucky blighters away
On leave."

D.R.M.

" MYSTERIOUS EXPLOSIONS."

One Thursday, if I mind me right,
A loud explosion rent the night ;
Lo ! from their beds the people leapt
(The ladies mostly swooned or wept) ;
While strong men bowed themselves in fear,
Saying, " Good God ! what's this we hear ?
A noise as loud as that must be
The doom of some stout ship at sea,
Or, even, on the other hand,
Some dread catastrophe on land."

. . .

It really was mysterious, for,
Except at odd times in the war,
When the Hun sent bombs crashing down,
Quiet had reigned in Dover Town.

. . .

Here is the story. . . . At Connaught
Barracks—quite close to Burgoyne Fort—
There is, you know, an ancient gun,
In which the officers in fun
On guest nights, when they're full of port,
Insert more powder than they ought.

In fact, they load it with a charge
I fear unreasonably large !
And though admittedly the team
Of well-tried warriors is the cream,
The Colonel had at last to say,
" That cannon MUST be put away ! "

. . .

So now no more the XX*
Will Dover's ancient township vex.

J.W. (1926).

* Pronounce as " double X."

CALENDAR OF REGIMENTAL HISTORY.

JANUARY.

1st	1837	Headquarters and Right Wing XX. left Bombay for England.
2nd	1726	Wolfe born.
	1809	Action at Bembibre (Peninsular).
3rd	1809	Skirmish at Calcabellos (Peninsular).
4th	1809	Skirmish at Villa Franca (Peninsular).
	1919	2/5th Bn. inspected by King of the Belgians.
5th	1749	Wolfe gazetted Major in XX. Foot.
	1809	Skirmish at Noagles.
6th	1814	Skirmish at Bastide de Clarence (Peninsular).
7th	1809	Action at Lugo.
8th		
9th	1809	XX. under Arms, Betanzos (Corunna).
10th	1809	Retreat to Corunna.
11th	1809	XX. occupied El Burgo.
12th	1809	Retreat to Corunna.
13th	1809	Explosion of Magazines at Corunna.
14th		
15th	1881	1st Bn. left Malta for Ireland.
16th	1809	Corunna. Battle Honour on Colours.
17th		
18th		
19th		
20th	1900	Action at Venters Spruit (Boer War).
21st	1898	2nd Bn. arrived in Egypt from India.
22nd	1901	Death of Queen Victoria.
23rd	1864	Two Companies 2nd Bn. landed at Yokohama.
24th	1900	Spion Kop.
25th	1872	2nd Bn. arrived Queenstown from South Africa.
26th	1900	Crossing of the Tugela River.

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27th	1870	New Colours presented to 1st Bn. by Lord Straithnairn at Kilkenny.
28th	1814	XX. cross River Adour (Peninsular).
29th	1901	Skirmish at Boshman's Kop.
	1916	15th, 16th, 17th and 18th Bns. landed in France.
30th	1902	Skirmish at Ronderon.
31st	1809	Last portion of XX. left Corunna for England.

FEBRUARY.

1st	1901	Skirmish at Winkelshoek.
2nd	1901	Funeral of Queen Victoria. 4th Bn. on duty.
3rd	1794	Capture of Cape Tiboron (War with France).
4th		
5th	1900	Battle of Vaal Kranze.
6th		
7th		
8th	1875	1st Bn. armed with Martini-Henry rifles.
9th	1902	Vrede Fort Road.
10th	1727	Commencement of 13th Siege of Gibraltar (War with Spain).
11th		
12th	1902	Skirmish at Blesbok Laagte.
13th		
14th	1916	10th Bn. German attack on the Bluff.
15th	1900	6th Bn. arrived in South Africa.
16th		
17th		
18th		
19th	1858	Actions at Rampara and Amerapur (Indian Mutiny).
	1900	5th Bn. embodies at Bury.
20th	1759	Capture of L'Acul (War with France).
21st	1900	6th Bn. landed at Capetown.
22nd	1906	1st Bn. left Gibraltar for Malta.
23rd	1858	Action at Sultanpore (Indian Mutiny).
24th		
25th		
26th	1814	Passage Gave de Pau (Peninsular).
27th	1814	Battle of Orthes (Peninsular). Battle Honour on Colours.
28th	1794	Attack on Bompard.
	1900	Relief of Ladysmith (Boer War). Battle Honour on Colours.
29th		

MARCH.

1st	1763	XX. left England for Gibraltar.
	1855	XX. armed with Enfield rifles.
	1901	1st Bn. arrived Malta from Crete.
2nd	1813	XX. crossed River Coa (Peninsular).
3rd	1858	2nd Bn. XX. Regt. raised at Clonmel, Ireland.
4th	1858	XX. arrived at Lucknow after marching 130 miles and fighting 3 actions in 13 days.
5th	1873	1st Bn. left Ireland for Bermuda.
	1900	4th Bn. raised.
6th	1865	Half Battery Field Artillery raised out of 2nd Bn. in Japan.
	1902	Action at Boshman's Kop.
7th		
8th	1855	Advance trench before Sebastopol held by Sergt. Campbell and 12 men of XX.
9th	1858	Commencement of Siege of Lucknow (Indian Mutiny).
10th	1762	Gottingen (Seven Years' War).
11th		
12th	1858	Skirmish at Lucknow.
13th		
14th	1858	Attack on Kaiser Bagh (Indian Mutiny).
15th		
16th	1858	Capture of Residency, Lucknow. Lucknow on Colours.
	1915	1st Bn. embarked at Avonmouth for Gallipoli.
17th	1858	Skirmish at Chandi Chouk (Indian Mutiny).
18th	1858	Skirmish in Lucknow.
19th	1858	Skirmish near Lucknow.
20th	1750	Wolfe promoted Lieut.-Colonel, XX.
21st	1918	Opening of German offensive, Arras to Aisne.
22nd		
23rd	1855	Sortie from Sebastopol.
24th	1762	Action at Gottingen.
25th	1903	Detachment 3rd Bn. in aid of Civil Power, Trinidad.
	1918	5th, 7th and 8th Bns. heavily attacked at Behagnies.
26th	1794	Capture of Fort Bizotton (War with France).
27th	1802	XX. reduced to one Battalion.
	1867	1st Bn. arrived in England from India.
28th	1858	2nd Bn. formed.
	1918	2nd Bn. repulse German attack at Arras. Lieut. Cassidy awarded Victoria Cross.
29th		
30th	1918	Lce.-Cpl. Halliwell, 11th Bn., awarded Victoria Cross.
31st	1898	3rd Bn. raised.
	1902	Action at Poshbult.

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OLD COMRADES' NOTES.

The Lancashire Fusiliers' Old Comrades' Association.

THIS was formed at a Dinner held at the Birkbeck Cafe, Holborn, London, on the 22nd April, 1911, the following being present :—Major-Gen. F. Hammersley, C.B., Major A. Rule, Capt. S. F. McIlree Lomer, Capt. R. R. Willis, Messrs. J. Boyden, H. Dallison, G. Drage, H. Hickie, A. Holt, E. King, E. Lucas, A. Malliott, F. Marks, J. McKim, E. McKnight, T. B. Oswald, G. Reed, R. Rochall, J. Smyth, W. J. Taylor, T. Vine, T. Webster, S. M. R. V. Couchman, Col.-Sgts. F. Byford, J. Hughes, F. King, C. Maxwell, H. McCready, Sergts. J. Brophy, H. Goulding, E. Hamer, C. Sewell, F. Simpson.

The objects of the Association as passed in Rule 2 are " for the promotion of *esprit-de-corps*, and for the purpose of an Annual Re-union." This rule stands good at present.

Circulars were sent out to all retired officers and pensioners, etc., also the 1st and 2nd Bns. and Depôt, and at the end of the year 62 Officers and 185 others had joined.

In 1912 the totals were 67 officers, 193 others.

In 1913 the totals were 92 officers, 289 others.

During the war no meetings were held, and the Association was re-formed in 1920, with a small number, owing to the casualties that had occurred. In 1923 it had reached 291 ; 1924, 358 ; 1925, 547. At present the total membership is 647, composed as follows :—1st Bn., 347 ; 2nd Bn., 126 ; Depôt, 28 ; ex-Service members, 146. The 1st Bn. numbers are made up as follows :—H.Q. Wing, 104 ; " A " Co., 26 ; " B " Co., 84 ; " C " Co., 58 ; " D " Co., 75 ; Total, 347.

The Annual Dinner of the Northern Branch was held at the Knowsley Hotel, Bury, on Saturday, 6th November, 1926. The Colonel of the Regt., Major-Gen. G. H. B. Freeth, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., presided and some 80 members were present. A very enjoyable evening was spent. Proposals from the Southern Branch for amalgamation with the Compassionate Fund were discussed, and although such an amalgamation is impossible under the legal constitution of the Fund, it was decided to support the Southern proposition. The proposal will probably be withdrawn at the next meeting in London, on the evening of the Cup Final next April. It may be mentioned here that General Freeth is of opinion—shared by many others—that the Old Comrades' Association should remain as formed—*i.e.*, purely a social Association, according to Rule 2, giving what assistance it can in other directions when required.

The Commanding Officer and the Hon. Secretary of the Old Comrades' Association are very pleased with the support of the Battalion.

COMPASSIONATE FUND.

Two old XX. men, H. Summerston and F. Murray, who were stranded in Dover, were assisted out of the Compassionate Fund. They received their fares to Bolton and money to buy food on the journey.

Another old XX. man, F. Carley, who was in difficulties, was advanced £1.

DANCE NOTES.

THE weekly Dances have been more gratefully and gracefully patronised since the winter nights have come along.

Sgts. Morris and Kay, Cpls. Billingham, McMahon and Lce.-Cpl. Johnson are quite busy keeping the dancers fully occupied with all the latest dances (except the " Charleston ") from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Our first attempt at a Fancy Dress Dance was quite a success, although the entries were small, only fifteen ladies and six gentlemen entering the competition.

The attendance totalled sixty ladies and seventy gentlemen.

Col. and Mrs. Spooner being on leave, Capt. T. B. C. Piggott, Lieut. L. O. Lyne and Lieut. L. G. Beach acted as judges.

The prizewinners were :—

Ladies—

1st, Mrs. Green, of Dover. Character, " Cpl., Lan. Fus." Blue cap, patrol jacket.

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2nd, Miss Maureen Cannon. Character, "Nippy" (Lyons' waitress).
3rd, Miss Wilsher, of Dover. Character, "Artist."

Gentlemen—

1st, Lce.-Cpl. Bentley. Character, "Miss 1926."
2nd, Fus. H. Evans. Character, "Convict '99."

We heartily congratulate the winners on their success.

Owing to so many of the Regiment being on leave until the 5th January, we find it impossible to hold another Fancy Dress Dance until about the middle of February.

"SOLDIERING DE LUXE."

I WAS visiting my old Battalion for the first time for thirty years.

Prepared, as I was, for some drastic changes, I confess I was surprised beyond all expectations.

I had made my way to the Commanding Officer's room, and made myself known to the C.O.

I was struck by the remarkable changes in the appearance of the room compared to the time of my term of office.

Gone were all the old friends of the old days: there were no Military text-books or manuals, and look as I may, not a single copy of that Standard book of reference, K.R.'s, could I see.

In their stead a huge map of the world occupied the space of one wall; in the centre of each country represented, was a small circular hole; a neat row of various coloured pegs was suspended below.

The C.O., observing how my eyes kept wandering towards that strange map, kindly enlightened me as to its uses.

"Ah, yes!" said he, "we conduct our little wars on a different scale now-a-days.

"When we declare war on a foreign country the Head Switch Board Attendant (corresponding somewhat with the Secretary of State for War of your days) inserts in a hole on his map a governing plug. This communicates with all the maps on charge to the various units.

"At the War Office is the 'Wells' de-atomizer, recently brought up to date by Professor Slow.

"Now, all that the H.S.B.A. has to do is to decide how many map units he will employ to obliterate, say—Timbuctoo!"

"But surely," I asked, "the other side have some means of defence, Colonel?"

"Oh! yes," he went on; "You see they—and of course we—have what we call the atomic reverser.

"On the outbreak of war they switch it on, and all the atoms change places, as it were, and are no longer affected by the de-atomizer."

"So, therefore," I said, "you have to come back to the old style and take the field."

"Yes!" agreed the Colonel. "But, of course, we no longer use any of the weapons familiar to you. Gone are all such old-fashioned weapons as field guns, machine guns, rifles, and such pre-historic rubbish.

"Each man is now equipped with a small Morpheus projector, somewhat similar to this," and taking up a small instrument shaped like an old-fashioned coffee grinder, he held it out for my inspection.

"Now," said he, with a twinkle in his eye, "do you recollect the system of instruction they carried out in your day?"

"Certainly!" I replied. "Let me see, it starts off—Demonstration ——"

"That's right," interrupted the C.O. "Watch!"

And taking aim at the Adjutant (who was busy demonstrating with the office ruler a batting stroke for the benefit of a junior subaltern), the Colonel slowly turned a small handle, and as the Adjutant froze into a position of ice-like rigidity, I could feel my small stock of hair rising slowly upright from my creeping scalp.

"Good Gad! Colonel!" I gasped, "what have you done?"

"Calm yourself," said he; "we can soon put things right again. You see, you simply turn the handle the other way, and back you draw the Morpheus force and your victim immediately recovers."

And suiting the action to the words, I saw the Adjutant slowly unbend and finish off his demonstration of the batting stroke as if nothing had happened.

"Wonderful!" was all I could mutter feebly. Suddenly I almost fainted, so over-

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wrought was I, when a roar and a rattle deafened our ears from just without.

"Surely that is a machine gun!" I queried.

"Yes," said the Colonel, in an apologetic tone; "I dare-say it is the Curator of the Museum peeling a few potatoes."

"Curator! Museum!! Potatoes!!!" Goodness! was I mad or dreaming?

"Yes," proceeded the Colonel, "we have a museum in which we have a few curios, such as machine guns, K.R.'s, S.A.T.'s, and so on. The Curator usually peels the potatoes and extracts the vitamines.

"He has a gadget attached to one of the old Vicker's guns and uses it to work the peeling machine. After all, we must use up the huge stock of ammunition left from the so-called Great War of fifty years ago.

"I fancy you will know the Curator, —— Busac is his name. Had to give him the job—called here one day broken-hearted. But he seems quite happy now; spends his time pulling those old guns to pieces and sticking them together again. Queer way of amusing himself, eh? Keeps him quiet, anyhow! He's getting on now—must be nearly eighty, I should say."

We were interrupted by the entrance of the R.S.M.

"A man for orders, Sir."

"Oh! alright, Sergeant-Major, march him in."

The offender was marched in and told to seat himself in a chair. I had noticed this chair before, and had wondered what were its fiendish uses. The man sat down and the Sergeant-Major fitted on the man's head a close-fitting metal cap with numerous wires attached.

"Goodness!" I thought, "Surely they're not going to electrocute the poor devil!"

My fears were soon allayed, however, for as the Adjutant pulled a lever a moving finger moved round a dial, and passing over such words as "Case explained," "Not guilty," came to rest on a word printed in red—"Guilty!"

"Seven days deprived of wireless," thundered the C.O. "Sergeant-Major, march him out!"

"Seven days?! Wireless?!" I questioned.

"Oh! yes," explained the C.O. "You see, with the up-to-date equipment we now possess, we have no use for—er—let me see—oh! yes—defaulters, I believe you called them.

"All our grass-cutters and rollers, etc., are worked off accumulators, and as each man on enlistment receives a free-issue wireless set, together with his own private regimental wave length, we simply take away his accumulator and use them on the mowers, etc., for the number of days' punishment he has received. Our Provost Sergeant, Sgt. Black, is very good using up accumulators."

"Oh!" was all I could feebly say to this novel scheme of punishment.

"Still," went on the C.O., "with all the free issue of wireless, etc., we seem to get very few recruits."

"No?" I queried.

"P'haps the reason," proceeded the C.O., "is because they don't receive any pay now-a-days."

"No pay, Colonel? Good gracious! how do they manage? How about shaving kit, cleaning material, and so on?"

"Oh! we had to take their pay away; they had really no use for it; what with tele-vision and wireless, they had no need to leave barracks for amusement; and as regards shaving materials, they are a thing of the past. True, we have a couple of batmen's razors up in the Museum as curios; but this last two years we have introduced the 'Veet System' throughout barracks. It is really very simple to operate.

"At 4.30 each morning the guard commander turns on a switch at the guard-room, and a system of pipes force vaporised veet into each barrack room, sort of shaved whilst you sleep, you know!"

"Of course, several things had to be improved upon before we got it working successfully.

"There was a sharp increase of men reporting sick—colds, you know—the vapour took all the hair off their heads as well as their chins.

"My batman left my fur-lined coat in his barrack-room—next morning no fur! And we had a few sharp letters from the N.S.P.C.A. Nearly all the dogs died of pneumonia. They looked horrible running about undressed. We had to isolate them and feed them on Tatcho.

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"As regards the men, we now issue them with nightcaps impervious to the vapour."

"Marvellous!" I murmured, "and now, Colonel, I should like to see the dining halls."

"Dining halls?" the C.O. replied scornfully, "we don't need them. Instead we have small packets of vitamines, which we issue to the men once a day. The Platoon Sergeants keep them in their charge and issue them to their men.

"We had a little trouble at first, till we got used to their power. I remember one Sergeant, Lamsden by name, who sampled all his entire platoon's issue, and then played Rugby! It was awful! He pushed all the opposing side off the field, then his own side, and finally he started on the spectators! Goodness knows what would have happened if we hadn't sent down for the Machine Stun Sergeant to bring up a Stun and stun him. As it was, it took almost a belt of Stunii to quiet him. Awful!"

"Stunii?" I queried, "what are those?"

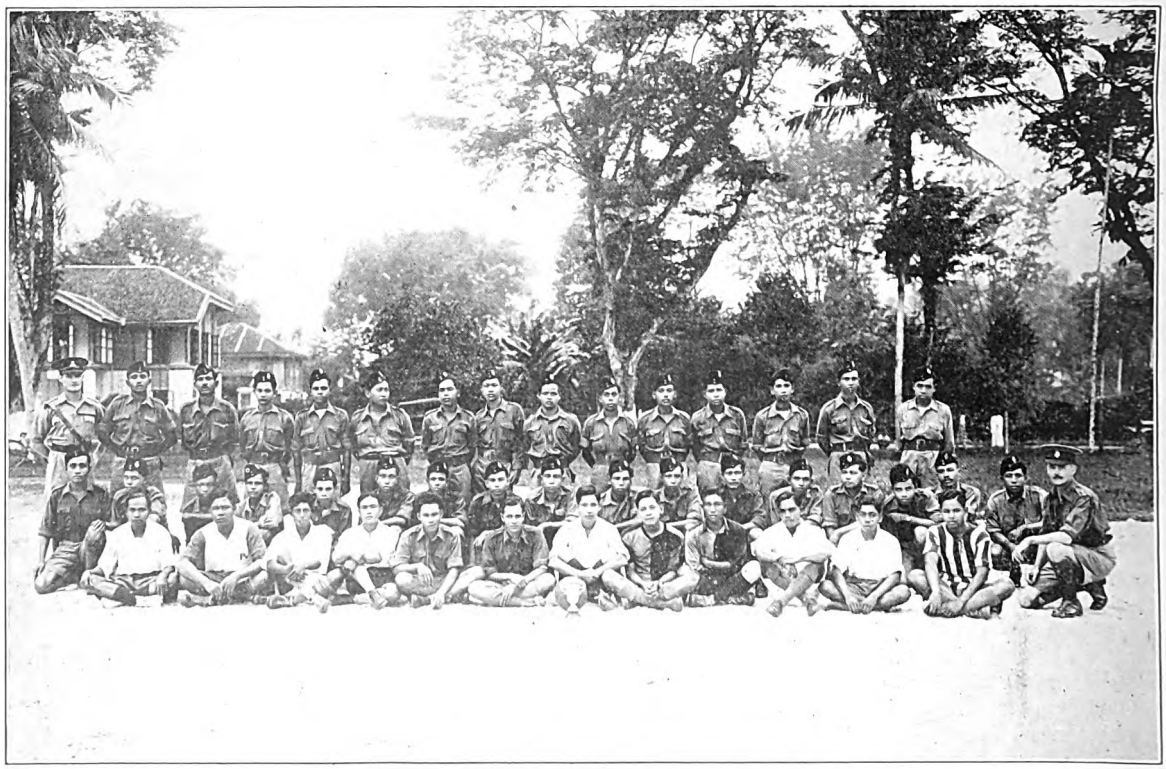
"Oh!" replied the Colonel, "they are a small projectile composed of the residue of sulphurrated hydrogen bound with ether, and when they hit their object they dissolve into the air and produce a dazed effect on the victim.

"Very useful on Service when we need a large fatigue party from the enemy. We open out with a few belts, then go across, label up the stunned, and send them away to various destinations absolutely uninjured.

"Now, would you like to see the Museum?"

But I, feeling as if I had received at least four belts of these stunii, respectfully but firmly declined, and sorrowfully went my way.

W.G.C.



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C.S.M. V. C. Froude, D.C.M., M.M., and his Platoon. Taken at Taiping, Malaya.

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THE MACHINE GUN PLATOON, 1920—1926.

(*Continued from page* 85.)

The half-platoon back in barracks fared hardly better; Mountjoy Guard and Broadstone Station, claimed a certain number of them, Companies claimed others, so that training in Barracks was less progressive than training on guard.

Headquarters Wing had not been formed at that time, and just when one had a class interested, some Company would send for their men to show mess tins or some other very necessary but equally annoying detail.

Considering all these difficulties, the efficiency of the men was nothing short of marvellous. Naturally only indoor subjects could be taught, and although mechanism and similar subjects flourished, they did so at the expense of tactical work. To make up for this Col. de Putron decided to relieve us from guard, and send us to Phœnix Park; this threw more duties on the already heavily burdened Companies.

The C.O. visited us almost daily while in the Park, and was so favourably impressed with our progress, that he spoke of us going to the School to demonstrate the efficiency of our system of training. On one occasion, the writer, who, on account of Lt. Dodson's absence at the Military Tennis Tournament, was then in charge of training, pointed out the necessity for various instruments in order that training in Indirect Fire might be given. The instruments were extremely costly, but Col. de Putron purchased them privately and sent them to the writer with a message of encouragement. On another occasion the writer was presented from the same source with an extremely costly and rare book on Machine Gunnery.

On several occasions while in the Park we gave various demonstrations to the Companies, the most popular one being "Flying Action."

Shortly after our return from the Park, the Bn. was sent to Belfast to assist the authorities to restore order. The gunners were split up amongst the Companies, and Guns were not taken.

Belfast at that time was the "gunman's" paradise, but the natives, disliking our "rubber soled" tactics, quietened down, and we returned to N.D.U.

Space does not permit of making further mention of our affairs in Ireland.

On arriving in Tidworth we settled down to serious and intensive training, and the men, many of whom were recruits, fired their first course on the open range. Gradually our equipment increased, each increase bringing a corresponding improvement in our work. During our stay at Tidworth, Capt. Logan, M.B.E., M.C., took command, and last year took us to our first Machine Gun Concentration. There we worked very hard, and in our spare time managed to defeat the remainder of the Machine Gun Platoon and Squadron at football, and won the silver medals put up by the Col.-Comdt. of the M.G. School.

During the "Concentration" we gave a demonstration of limber packing to a party of Argentine Officers. This was quite successful, and in addition to the instructive side it gave the gunners amusement for a long time afterwards—in several cases it affected their accent and pronunciation for months.

Towards the end of the training season we went on Manœuvres with the Battalion. One incident is worthy of mention. The "enemy," who were quite decent otherwise, decided to make use of a fine afternoon to move us. We had unpacked our limbers, and some two tons of equipment was lying around on the ground.

When the order to move was given we were without Transport, and every item of equipment had to be manhandled. Everyone, including Officers, had more than a fair load, and our path seemed to lie uphill. After a time, Capt. Logan either commandeered or borrowed a lorry for the kit, but by this time we were almost exhausted, and it was two or more hours before we gained our places with the Battalion. Capt. Cox appreciated our plight, and served us out with a special cup of "tea," this was certainly the thing that kept us on our feet. After that afternoon we prayed that if that was being "mechanicalised," that the next time we would be allowed to walk.

Capt. R. M. Armitage, after a course at Netheravon, took over command from Capt.

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Logan, who went away as Adjutant to a Territorial Battalion. He carried with him our sincere wishes for his future prosperity. During our second year at Tidworth Sgt. Campbell was posted to us from "C" Co., and Sgt. Starling rejoined us after a long absence with "A" Co.

June and July of this year found us at Lydd, and Tilshead. We were under the guidance of Capt. Armitage, and his handling of us has amply proved his ability as a Machine Gun Officer.

Relationship between the Platoon and the remainder of the Battalion provides matter for serious thought. On account of the nature of the training, only the pick of the Battalion is good enough for us. Unfortunately Companies do not share this view, and naturally do not like parting with their best men. If, however, due consideration is given to the fact that in war the bulk of our fire goes over their heads, it will be appreciated why we endeavour to get the best.

Our hours of training do not permit us to compete at sports on equal terms with our friends in the Companies. That is our misfortune. Absence at Netheravon robbed us of our chance of obtaining the Lawrence Cup last year, and it is extremely doubtful if we shall ever be able to win it.

In spite of lack of time we run a fairly good soccer and rugger team during the winter season. We are also justly proud of the fact that some of the finest bayonet fencers and revolver shots in the Battalion learned the craft while serving with the Platoon. Each season brings the annual turnover, and finds us losing old friends and making new ones. Generally after a man leaves us he drifts out to India and we lose touch with him. We hope these lines will revive their interest. We remember them and hope they sometimes think of us.

Thanks to the encouragement of the C.O. and the energy of Capt. Armitage, assisted by his Section Officers and N.C.O.'s, we are top of the Brigade, and probably top of the command, where we shall try to remain.

In concluding, we regret that space alone prevents us from giving a more detailed account of the Machine Gun Platoon, of which the writer is proud and honoured to have been a member since its formation.

"GUNS."

BACK TO THE ARMY AGAIN.

(Permission has been obtained from Mr. Rudyard Kipling, and of the publishers of "The Seven Seas" (Messrs. Methuen and Co., Ltd.), for the following poem to appear in the "Gallipoli Gazette." All "Minden Boys" will greatly appreciate Mr. Rudyard Kipling's kindness.)

I'm 'ere in a tickey ulster and a broken billycock 'at,
A layin' on to the Sergeant I don't know a gun from a bat.
My shirt's doin' duty for jacket, my sock's sticking out of my boots,
An' I'm learnin' the damned old goose-step along o' the new recruits.

Back to the army again, sergeant,
Back to the army again,
Don't look so hard, for I ain't no card,
I'm back to the army again.

I done my six years' service, 'Er Majesty sez "Goodday,
You'll please to come when you're rung for, an' 'ere's your 'ole back pay,
An' fourpence a day for 'baccy, an' bloomin' generous too,
An' now you can make your fortune, same as your officers do."

Back to the army again, sergeant,
Back to the army again,
'Ow did I learn to do right about turn,
I'm back to the army again.

A man of four-and-twenty that asn't learned a trade,
Besides "Reserve" against him—he had better be never made,
I tried my luck for a quarter, an' that was enough for me,
An' I thought of 'Er Majesty's Barracks, an' I thought I'd go an' see.

Back to the army again, sergeant,
Back to the army again,
'Tisn't my fault, if I dress when I halt,
I'm back to the army again.

The sergeant asked no questions, but he winked the other eye,
'E says to me "'Shun!" an' I "shun-" ted, the same as in days gone by,
For he saw by the set o' my shoulders, an' I couldn't 'elp 'olding straight
When me and the other rookies came under the Barrick gate.

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Back to the army again, sergeant,
Back to the army again,
'Oo would ha' thought I could " carry " and
" port,"
I'm back to the army again.

I took my bath an' I wallowed, for Gawd, I needed it so,
I smelt the smell of the barracks, I heard the bugles go,
I 'eard the feet on the gravel, the feet of the men what drill,
An' I sez to my flutterin' 'eart-strings, I sez to them " Peace, be still."

Back to the army again, sergeant,
Back to the army again,
'Oo said I knew when the "Jumner " was due,
I'm back to the army again.

I carried my slops to the tailor, I sez to him " None o' your lip,"
" You tighten them over the shoulders, and loosen them over the hip,"
" For the set of the tunic's 'orrid," an' he sez to me " Strike me dead ! "
" But I thought you was used to the business," and so 'e done what I said.

Back to the army again, sergeant,
Back to the army again,
Rather too free with fancies ? Wot, me ?
I'm back to the army again.

Next week I'll have them fitted, I'll buy me a swagger cane,
They'll let me free of the barricks, to walk on the Hoe again,
In the name of William Parsons, that used to be Edward Clay,
An' any poor beggar that wants it, may draw my fourpence a day.

Back to the army again, sergeant,
Back to the army again,
Out o' the cold and rain, sergeant,
I'm back to the army again.

" Oo's there ? "
A man that's too good to be lost you,
A man that is 'andled and made,
A man that'll pay what he cost you,
I'm learnin' the others their trade—parade.
You're dropping the pick o' the army,
Because you don't 'elp 'em remain,
But it drives them to cheat, to get out o' the street
And back to the army again.

WEAPON TRAINING NOTES.

HERE we are at the finish of another Weapon Training year, and although the rifle average was not up to the standard, we must compliment ourselves on showing a marked improvement on the light automatic and revolver. We must also congratulate our friends, the Machine Gunners, on their splendid average. We were rather unlucky with our A.R.A. competitions this year owing to bad ranges and the rush. Never mind, we shall strike a lucky patch one of these years, and make a clean sweep of everything. We still have our hopes of the Connaught and Machine Gun Cups.

BATTALION SHOTS.

	Rifle.	L.G.	Total.
Officers—Lieut. E. A. Gordon	136	158	294
W.O.'s and Sergts.—Sgt. G. Cannon	121	174	295
Cpls. and Fusrs.—Cpl. A. Maxwell	126	159	285

COMPANY SHOTS.

	Rifle.	L.G.	Total.
" A " Co.—Sgt. G. Cannon ..	121	174	295
" B " Co.—Sgt. E. Dodson ..	96	188	284
" C " Co.—Fus. C. Melchoir ..	120	163	283
" D " Co.—Lce.-Cpl. J. O'Brien	95	148	243

BEST SHOT RIFLE.

	Total.
All Ranks—Lieut. E. A. Gordon, " B " Co.	136
Other Ranks—Fus. E. Dalkin, " B " Co. ..	129

LIGHT AUTOMATIC.

Fus. J. Clancy, " B " Co.	194

REVOLVER.

Fus. E. Wright, H.Q. Wing	158
Fus. J. Foster, " B " Co.	158

BATTALION AVERAGES.

Rifle, 76.73 ; *L.G.*, 130.57 ; *Revolver*, 133.65 ; *Machine Gun*, 324.7.

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BEST SHOOTING COMPANY.

Coy.	"Rifle R. & L."	Pts.	L.G. "L."	Pts.	Revolver.	Pts.	"R. 1 & 2"	Pts.	Competitions.	Pts.	Total.
"A"	80.84	10	129.16	4	133.11	2	126.27	10	Bn. Rifle Meeting	17	43
"B"	78.2	8	133.1	10	135.16	5	122.09	6	"	16	45
"C"	74.5	2	132	8	133.44	3	115.1	2	"	7	20
"D"	75.56	4	127.85	2	132.55	1	122.2	8	"	6	21
H.Q.	75.68	6	130.41	6	133.88	4	120.5	4	"	10	30

Best Shooting Company—"B" Co.

Revolver.

The undermentioned, who have already received a cash prize, will also receive an A.R.A. Bronze Badge :—

Fus. Foster, "B" Co.
Fus. Vizard, "B" Co.
Fus. Wright, H.Q. Wing.

The silver spoon which is awarded to the best shot in the Bn. was won by Fus. Wright.

Boys' Miniature Competitions.

The above proved very interesting, as most of the boys were too small to handle a rifle. Nevertheless keen competition prevailed, and only high scores stood a chance of winning a prize. The winners and scores are as follows :—

APPLICATION.

Boy Jarron	Score 19 ..	10/–
Boy Crowther	" 19 ..	5/–
Boy Hobson	" 18 ..	2/6

SNAPSHOOTING.

Boy Coleman	Score 15 ..	10/–
Boy Rogers	" 12 ..	5/–
Boy Harris	" 12 ..	2/6

WEAPON TRAINING 100 YEARS AGO.

It is interesting to note that 100 years ago the 30 yds. range was adopted as the best range on which to train recruits before proceeding to the open range.

In an old manual, dated 1829, it is stated that "fire should never be opened beyond 150 yards," for, "at this distance half the number of shots missed the target." Of course this was in the days of the percussion musket, when the authorities considered it the finest weapon on the market.

The recruit commenced his weapon training at a range of 30 yds., this being the normal range, and the object of the practice was to give the firer confidence. Thus, if a recruit missed the target at 30 yds., he fired again at 25 yds., the distance between firer and target decreasing until he scored a hit.

Once the recruit was confident of hitting the target, say, at 20 yds., the range was increased by 10 yds. at a time, until he could hit the target at 100 yds.

Targets were of two kinds—No. 1 target, a circle 8 ft. in diameter ; and No. 2 target, 11 ft. 6 ins. square.

Then rifles came on the scene, and representations were made to the C.-in-C. (The Duke of Wellington), who openly scoffed at

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the idea that armies could fight at a distance of 500 yds., and the French considered that Infantry were only formidable at 100 yds. distance.

In 1830 tests of the various rifles proved that they were fairly accurate up to 500 yds., and a trained man was certain of hitting No. 2 target at that range. The chief difficulty was in the loading. Just like the musket, they were muzzle loaders, and in addition to the ramrod, the soldier had to carry a small wooden mallet to force the bullet down the barrel, causing considerable damage to the grooves. Experiments with breech loaders were carried out, but it was not until the year 1871 that the Martini-Henry was adopted.

It is suggested that No. 2 target should be brought into use again if we are to fire another course on Fanhole.—Ed.

SERGEANTS' MESS LETTER.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Editor on the progress that is being made with our Journal, *The Gallipoli Gazette*.

On Wednesday, the 6th October, 1926, a special impromptu Social Evening was held to say *au revoir* to R.Q.M.S. J. N. Laverick, D.C.M., on his promotion to Lieutenant and Quartermaster of the Bn., and to C.S.M. H. Harrington, C.Q.M.S.'s G. Butler and T. Grimme, prior to their embarkation for duty with the 2nd Bn. Songs were given by Mr. E. N. Miles, C.S.M. H. Harrington, C.S.M.I. (P.T. Staff) E. Mather, C.Q.M.S. T. Grimme, Sgts. A. H. White, F. Williams, W. Ramsden and J. Cameron (Army Edn. Corps).

A most enjoyable evening terminated with the very best of wishes to Mr. J. N. Laverick and the hope that he would be spared to serve many years with the Regiment.

To C.S.M. H. Harrington, C.Q.M.S. G. Butler and T. Grimme, we wished the best of voyages out to India, and a very happy time during their stay with the 2nd Bn.

The following day, Thursday, the 7th October, 1926, R.S.M. J. J. Maguire, on behalf of all members of the Mess, handed to Mr. J. N. Laverick a specially inscribed Presentation Sword, included on which was the old XX. Regimental crest.

Inscription :—

Presented to Lieutenant and Quartermaster J. N. Laverick, D.C.M., 1st Bn. The Lancashire Fusiliers.

From the Members, Sergeants' Mess, 1st Bn. The Lancashire Fusiliers.

7th October, 1926.

The Whist Drives and Dances for the season 1926–1927 commenced on Friday, the 8th October, and have been continued up to date. We are glad to say that each time there are a few more friends present.

The drawback to having large whist drives in the Dover Garrison is the unfortunate manner in which the Garrison is scattered about, two Regiments being situated on one side of the town, at the top of Military Hill, and two at the top of Castle Hill, whilst the Departmental Corps are at various places in the town.

A small re-union of the Southern Section, Old Comrades' Lancashire Fusiliers, was held at the Britannia Club, London, on "Inkerman Night," Friday, 5th November, 1926. C.Q.M.S. P. J. Austin, Sgts. H. Wall, A. Davies, M.M., and J. Daniels represented the Mess.

Tuesday, the 7th December, 1926, a party of eighteen members proceeded to London to see the 2nd Round of the Army Rugby Cup, 1st Bn. Lancashire Fusiliers *v.* The Royal Horse Guards (Blues), at Regents Park. After the game all members adjourned to the Royal Horse Guards Mess, accompanied by our old comrades Victor Froude, D.C.M., M.M., on leave from Malay State, and "Old Ginger" Balme. All vouch for the statement that a most enjoyable time had been spent with our kind hosts, and we hope to have the very great pleasure of entertaining at some future time the members of the Sergeants' Mess, Royal Horse Guards.

Our giants, C.S.M. P. Thomas (5 ft. 1 in.) and C.Q.M.S. T. Cusack (5 ft. 3 in.), had the audacity to take on as their opponents in games two of the Royal Horse Guard members who were 6 ft. 2 in. and 6 ft. 4 in. respectively, and weighed approximately 16 to 18 stone.

En route to London, Capt. Cox's house was passed, and the old Regimental yell (of football match days) let go, but though he

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turned round, our old Quartermaster failed to recognise the Lan. Fus. on the bus.

Congratulations to the following members on their promotion, and a hearty welcome to those of the Brevet rank on joining the Mess. We wish the new blood a happy time as members of the Sergeants' Mess :— R.Q.M.S. B. Shipwright, C.S.M. H. Nunn, M.M., C.Q.M.S. T. Cusack, Sgts. T. Holder, E. T. Critchley, Lce.-Sgts. J. Corfield, C. Tew, W. Jones, A. Crossley, J. Gilbertson.

To C.Q.M.S. and Mrs. R. J. Welby, on the birth of a daughter, Sonia ; and Sgt. and Mrs. S. Taylor, on the birth of a daughter, Dorothy—we offer our congratulations, and are glad to know that they are progressing quite well.

We congratulate the Bn. Rugby Team on entering the 3rd round Army Rugby Cup.

We hope that the Soccer Team and Hockey Teams will have better luck in their respective Army Cup Ties next season.

A Shooting Match was held between the members of the Sergeants' Messes Depôt and 6th Bn. Lan. Fus., and resulted in a victory for the 6th Bn. members by 36 points. We anticipate a reversed decision coming forth from the Depôt in the return shooting match. Scores :—

DEPOT.

Sgt. Willat		30
C.Q.M.S. Filkins		29
R.S.M. Le Huray		28
Sgt. Collings		21
Sgt. Johnson		20
Sgt. Kelly (" Rajah ")		16
Sgt. Whitcher		15
Sgt. Ross		4
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6TH LAN. FUS.

Sgt. Taylor	(£2)	35
R.S.M. Jeanes	(£1)	34
C.S.M. Devereux	(5s.)	32
Sgt. Meddings	(5s.)	32
Sgt. Gully		27
C.S.M. Johnson		24
Sgt. Wilson		8
Sgt. Lines		7
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We notice a few of the old 1st Bn. sharks were amongst the prize-winners.

Two of our old members, C.S.M. V. C. Froude, D.C.M., M.M., and Sgt. " Ginger " Balme, paid us a week-end visit from Friday, 10th, to Tuesday, 14th, Dec. All who were present at Dover were glad to see them and hope to see them as often as possible before Froude should return to Malay States.

We were glad to learn from them that a good many of the old comrades they had met in London and District were doing well ; a few, unfortunately, were having a very hard time, due of course to the bad state of the labour market.

CORPORALS' MESS LETTER.

SINCE the last issue many and varied are the events to report as regards our princely, if fireless domain. Many of our members, or ex-members I should say, have been selected to attend the meetings of the elite. In other words, to dine in a more sedate and less exciting manner. Well, promoted, our good wishes trail them. We welcome the latest additions to the Mess, as per Special Class, if only to refil our sadly depleted coffers. Dances given by us are expensive. Writing of dances, we gave one to all and sundry who possessed invites and those who didn't, which I think was rather spoiled owing to the heavy rain that fell on that night. Still, those who danced enjoyed themselves ; those who didn't dance also enjoyed themselves, though, I might remark, in a less reputable manner. Further comment is unnecessary. The one we gave in November was really the most successful affair since Gallipoli, 1924, despite the fact that some of our members were on annual leave. The 11th of December will see the majority of the Corporals far from Dover. Weird and wonderful are the tales to be told by them on their return. Those who are behind might get a peep at the stove now and again, likewise the armchairs. Say, all, what do you think of " our Joe " as a Rugby player ? He rather shone as a kicker in the last practice match. There is yet talent undiscovered it seems. Well, we are pinching space, so with the coming season's good wishes, we'll inspect the glasses.

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SIGNALS' LETTER.

OUR tame letter writer being away on leave, I have been requested to write up our letter for this issue of your (*ours* too) *Gazette*. Not having had as much practice in the art of letter-writing as our usual contributor, I am afraid that the Sigs.' letter will not be up to the standard of the preceeding ones. But, thinking of our motto (" —— or bust "), I am taking my courage (and a pint of ——) in each hand, and will endeavour to give you some idea of what has happened since last you heard from us.

Last month strange happenings were reported to be taking place in the land of Tiko. The section were seen on their knees in the barrack-room, and voices were blended in a prayer of supplication to one named Peter, the keeper of the treasury. Strange mutterings were heard in the dead of night, and the section were sore afraid that Peter would hearken not unto their prayers. But in his greatness he was merciful, and on Friday, the 3rd of December, he did shower upon them many blessings and much of " the root of all evil." There were great rejoicings, and at eventide numerous brethren were seen feasting and drinking in the haunts of the Boozers. But merriment must cease, and before midnight an alarm was sounded. The word was passed from mouth to mouth that a chariot was waiting at the gates of Priory. Battle kit was donned, and a great stampede was made (said battle kit consisting of " posh caps," " spiral puttees," and "permanent creases," and, it is rumoured, a choice selection of aids to beauty). The week preceeding the battle it was noticed that " Maypole's Best " was mysteriously disappearing from the Banquet Hall. We wonder if this was used to impart a fighting spirit, or if, as we suspect, it was simply used to make an impression on the female population of Dover and of the various ports of call.

Lce.-Cpl. Bailey is still at the Signal School and in the throes of his final exam. We wish him every success, and are looking forward to the day when he becomes an A1. If this should catch his eye we would like to state for his benefit that we are in funds, and do not wish to borrow anything from him.

Allah be praised, 1 and 4 Groups won the Soccer Cup by purely scientific football (ahem !). The deciding game being played against " B " Co., on a day which was by no means ideal for good football. The groups played against the wind in the first half of the game, and it says a lot for their play that they were only one goal down when the whistle sounded for half-time. After the resumption the groups got " cracking " and managed to place the ball in " B " Co.'s " onion sack." This was repeated, and the groups won the game by the narrow margin of 2—1. We take this opportunity of thanking M. McMordie, " the captain," for the way in which he ran the team and for his outstanding play. We congratulate " Taffy" Taylor on his appointment as Lance-Corporal.

Four of our most talented " Sigs." have returned to duty—Fusrs. Haine, Fisher, McKenzie and Waters. Now we are asking who will take care of our white lines ? who will settle our arguments ? and whom shall we put in McKenzie's place in our soccer team ?

We managed to get one of our novices into the semi-finals of the Boxing contest held in the Buffs' Drill Hall. But our entries were small, as the majority of the section wished to preserve their good looks for the leave period. Since then we find that we have lost a coming champion by returning our Alfred (Fisher) to duty.

We are looking forward to receiving a draft from the Depôt on 5th January, 1927, and hope to be able to sort out a number of sportsmen. We need 'em, as a number of our best men will be leaving us within the next two years for a " tour of duty " in civil life.

Well, Mr. Editor, I have probed in all the corners of my feeble brain, and not having any more news this time will conclude, considering myself a poor substitute for our scribe.

" KNOCKED OUT."

MACHINE GUNNERS' LETTER.

SINCE your last issue there has been hardly anything of note to occur in the Platoon.

This being the " close " season for Machine Gunners, we have had a comparatively easy time. The weather clerk vetoed our programme, and there is a danger of the

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Gunners growing fat. For a time we were scanning the daily papers to find out what chances we had of exercising our shooting abilities in—(deleted by censor)—happily the powers that be calmed the troubled waters, and we sent most of the Gunners on furlough instead.

Cpl. Woodcock has returned from Netheravon, and the rough-riders have returned from Shorncliffe, and the Training Cadre has delivered back to us the bodies of three sub-section commanders, all of them looking rather perplexed and wondering if one bullet really does make a beaten zone.

We offer our hearty congratulations to our late Platoon Sergeant on his promotion. We feel sure that he will do well in his new job—for is he not an expert on "stoppages"—we only hope that he is as good on "repairs and adjustments."

We also congratulate Lce.-Cpls. Stamford and Chetham on being elevated to Non-commissioned rank, and to Cpl. Woodcock on his promotion to full rank.

The coming season promises to be a fairly busy one, and we are looking forward to a spell of better weather in the New Year, to enable us to prepare for the Machine Gun School, where we are due in April. We understand that next year we are to fire with new ammunition, but unfortunately that is outweighed by the fact that there will be very little ammunition available for practice beforehand. Up to the time of writing we have not been able to obtain the results of firing for the Machine Gun Cup, so we still live in hopes of being "amongst those present."

Having been forbidden to use the old *nom-de-plume*, we have done an all-round traverse, and in future our notes will appear under a new one.

Wishing the Editorial Staff and all others the Compliments of the Season, and renewing our wishes for the prosperity of the *Gazette*.

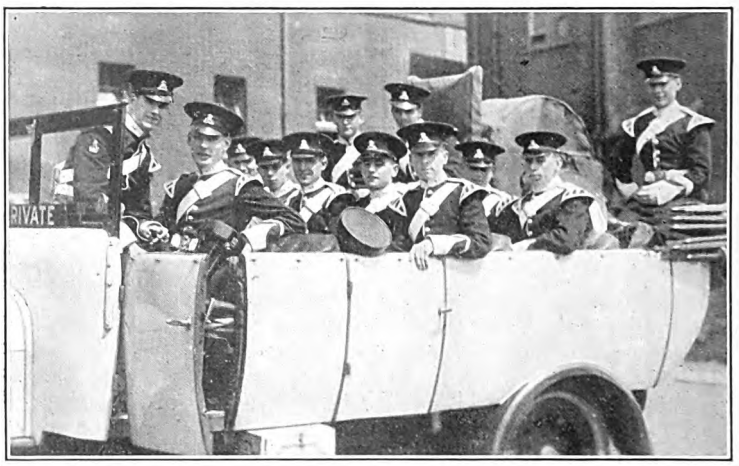
"SNUG."

BAND NOTES.

AT the time of writing we have just returned from our annual leave. Everybody in high spirits, and looking forward to Xmas with hopes of a few more days' leave.

Now we are back in our winter quarters the perennial winter pastime has commenced, namely weeding around dwellings. Applications for turf, mushrooms, watercress, etc., to be made to our Head Gardener—Ginger Crookshanks.

The Community Singing craze has caught on in the Band. Peter and Nutty seem to be the leading vocalists, ably supported by the "Arabs," and I am sure the residents of St. Margaret's Bay must be delighted with their renderings of "Headin' for Louisville," "Always," and "On my Ukelele," as up to going to Press no complaints have been received.



OFF TO THE DOVER CRICKET GROUND.
DOVER COUNTY CRICKET WEEK.

Since the last issue of the *Gazette* the Bandmaster has undergone an operation in the Shorncliffe Hospital, and everyone is pleased to see him looking so remarkably fit.

We feel that all ranks will be pleased to know that ex-Band-Sergt. Balme is discharged from Hospital. Many of us enjoyed his cheery company while in London. He is looking very much better and enjoying a quiet rest on his well-earned pension. At

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present his time is fully occupied in the company of C.S.M. V. C. Froude, D.C.M., M.M., who, being an ex-Bandsman (pre-war) himself, we can wager they have many tastes in common (Bass's, Black and White, etc.).

Glad tidings of prosperity continue to reach us from all of our old comrades who left us last year. Space does not permit details, but it will be gratifying for readers to know that ex-Bandsman, now P.C. Akers, has been instrumental in securing employment for an ex-Lancashire Fusilier in Nottingham, which proves that the spirit of the XX. is still the same as ever.

A contributor recently wrote to a well-known daily paper, deploring the dullness of the present-day business letter, and suggested that poetry would brighten things up somewhat. Being in agreement with this idea, our contemporary suggested that the following, if sent to the C.Q.M.S., would probably bear fruit, in place of the usual "Please advance my pay to the tune of," etc. It should be easy to imagine a Tommy arriving home on his month's leave, and finding himself broke after the first week writing in the following manner :—

Miles have I wandered
From our own sweet harbour ;
Funds have I squandered,
But not on the Barber.

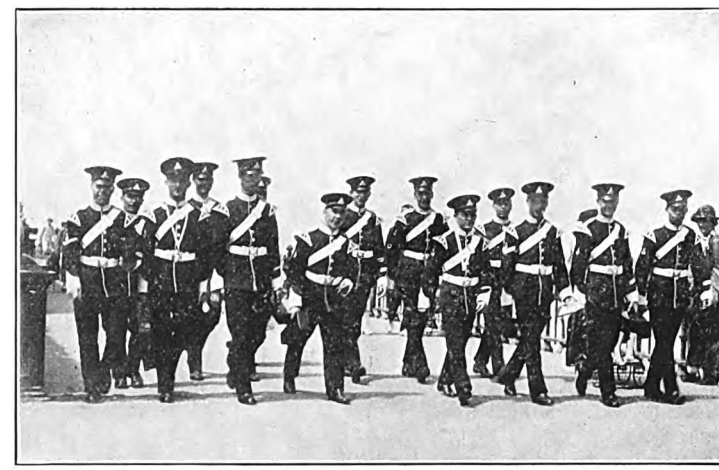
I wonder if 'tis too much I ask
Of thee, my brave and trusty Quarter ;
Surely you will not let me face the task
Of toasting Good Cheer on water !

Although my hair may be thick and long,
My pockets are woefully weak ;
I cannot chirp my Christmas song
Unless your aid I seek.

Christmas comes but once a year.
I wish it came twice each quarter,
For one can indulge in good, honest beer
And cuddle another man's daughter.

These pleasures are but all I wish,
Tho' a goodly sum I require
That I may enjoy the festive dish
Around my old home fire.

When Santa Claus his goodness showers
I hope he fills your sock
With cheques for a thousand happy hours
And sticks of Margate Rock.



ON THE PROMENADE AT MARGATE, 1926.
WHO WOULDN'T BE A BANDSMAN ?

THE DRUMS LETTER.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I enter into my second letter without fear of assassination, having suffered no ill-treatment as a result of my last contribution to your leading star of the journalistic world. At the time of writing, we are living in strange ways, not having a Sergeant-Drummer to guide us through the tedious task of sorting out crotchets and quavers. Who is there, then, to teach us how to read and understand such mystic signs as *allegro*, *moderato*, *adagio*, and a host of other (to me at least) useless words stolen or strayed from some foreign lingo ?

In addition to the loss of our Drummie, "Tony," of broadcast fame, has left us to attend a course of upholstery at Hounslow, and so we are left to the tender mercy of a very junior Lce.-Corporal, whose knowledge of music is hardly equal to that of Mozart, or even McGaughran. Since he arrived at

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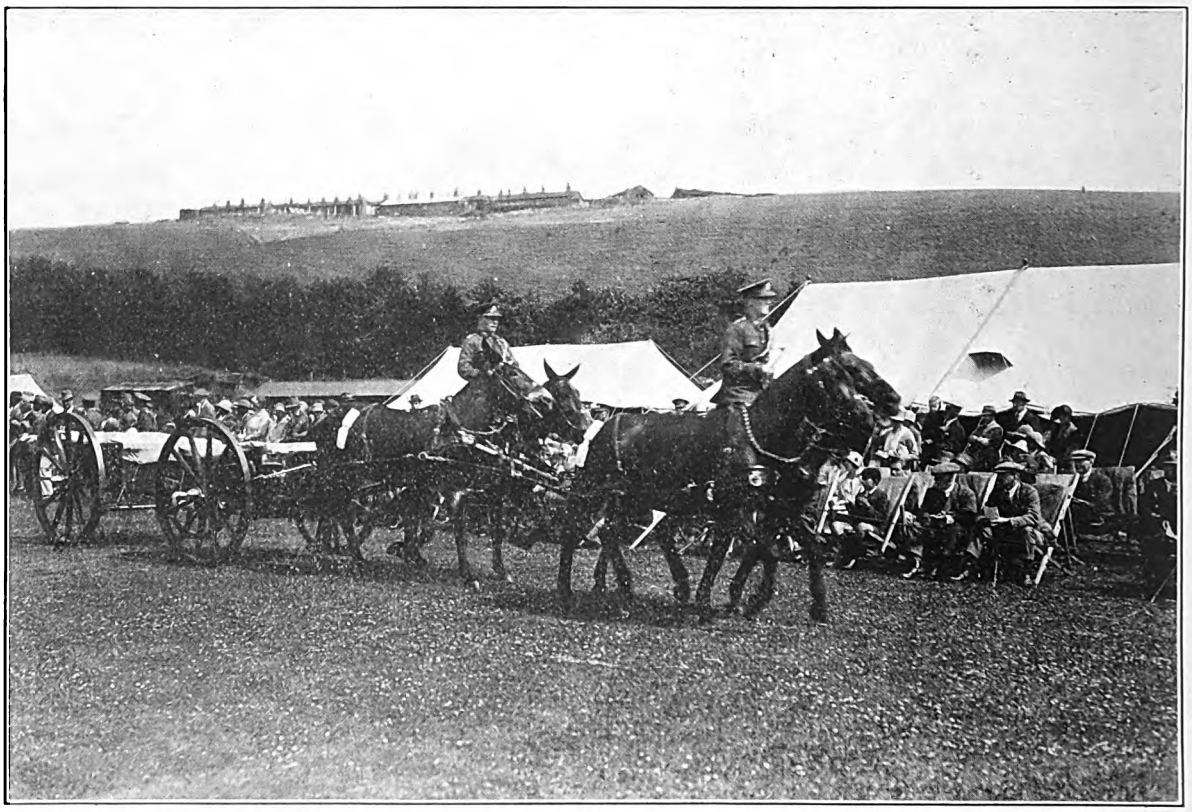
the vocational centre, Tony has had about fifty—not offers, but pleas for his services (he is to be manager, of course), at a salary exceeding that of Henry Ford. The firm which he condescends to run will immediately hold a monopoly, and all others will sell out or go into liquidation. What could be more beautiful than one of his suites in vivid yellow, with crotches strewn around in a wonderful shade of vermillion? A new era of designing is in its infancy. A new genius let loose on a long-suffering and innocent world.

The B.B.C. are greatly disappointed at being let down so badly by Grundy, who was admitted into hospital last month. He was booked to broadcast a number of piccolo solos during the winter months, but now the public are doomed to disappointment. Amongst his many beautiful selections, the following were the pick: "Chevie's Lament," by P. Newall; "Two Up," by R. Barkess; and "The Fascist," by "Taff" Parson.

Fearnley, the C.O.'s bugler, has given up all hopes of holding the Silver Bugle again, owing to McMahon and Figg being in strict training for the event. It should prove a great struggle between the pair, but Figg's triple tongueing should win for him.

"CHARMER."



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L.G.S. WAGON, WINNERS OF BEST ALL-ROUND TURN-OUT, MILITARY HORSE SHOW, DOVER, 1926.

TRANSPORT LETTER.

AT the moment we can show a clean sheet, all our stud being fit and well.

From a work point of view, the last quarter has been very trying, as at one time

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no less than ten of our staff were away on leave, which meant double, and in some cases treble the amount of work for those who stayed behind.

Now that we have joined Cpl. McMahon's "Beautiful Barracks" Society, we are getting quite a lot of exercise (some exercise) in carting turf from Swingate, our only consolation being that the appearance of the Barracks is improving daily, even if our harness is not.

One day last month, Barney was mistaken for the roan, and since then he has been the limit, positively hating harness and always wanting to go out with the chargers.

Bonzo, our new moke, is an absolute glutton for work: he really seems to enjoy the climb up Castle Hill. Things came to a head when he volunteered to work in the afternoon. This was too much for Barney (the President of the Equine Society for reducing working hours and increasing the feeds), who remonstrated, but without effect, so a meeting of the steeds was called. At the confab Barney, in his best tub-thumpers' style, said: "Were it not better that we laugh and grow fat, rather than have these parades sent to try us? for verily, they seem to grow and develop into a habit!"

Bonzo replied in scathing tones: "To live we must work, even at turfing on coal fatigue in the afternoon." This completely put the lid on "Comrade Barney," who, finding that he was the only Bolshie in the stud, retired discomfited.

Ever since the exhibition of mechanised transport, held for the Dominion Premiers, we have been wondering how long it will be before we get our Kegresse transport. Davy says, "Roll on!" but Pearce is firmly convinced that some poor mutt will invent a special kind of harness for them, and that he (Pearce) is bound to get a double dose.

In closing our letter, we wish all ranks, past and present, a prosperous New Year for 1927.

"A" COMPANY'S LETTER.

SINCE the last edition of the *Gazette* Best Shooting Company has passed to "B" Co., by less than a point. Best luck to them, and may they retain the honour next year (if our barrels are bent). But we have the honour to own the Battalion Shots of the W.O.'s and Sergeants and O.R.'s, both of these being in No. 2 Platoon (Sgt. G. Cannon and Cpl. A. Maxwell).

The Bn. Novices' Boxing went per my prophecy in my last letter, our men showing fine tactics, especially the "Novice" Barker, but thanks is mainly due to Cpl. Grace through his careful tuition of the fighters, not forgetting the many reminders from the O.C. Company (Lieut. H. Latham), also a slight spending to be properly equipped for the fray. On the whole, the competition was clean and spirited, but not up to the Tilshead standard.

Movements have been few to date, Sergts. Simmons and Critchley having joined from H.Q. and "B" Companies respectively. Our new Quarter bloke is still overseas, his deputy carrying on quite "cushy." The leave season started some two months ago, our period coming during Christmas, after a wait of three years. About four O.R.'s will see the Old Year out, the others being reconciled to their relations.

The Bn. teams came a cropper (as expected) against the South Staffs. at soccer, and the Queen's at hockey; but the Rugger team seem to be carrying all before them, regardless of size or shape of opponents. We all wish them the luck of the draw, and victory to the next round. I have no need to mention the Army boxing draw with the "Loyals"—some "Boring Match" will be seen per the Tidworth sights.

A general buck-up of "C" block took place in November, regardless of expenditure, the Company colour scheme turning out quite fine—a little paint tells a tale. During the next issue of the *Gazette* our new Co. Commander will take over command, and it is hoped that the Co. will retain its efficiency as under the late Co. Commander.

Congratulations to all the promoted in the Bn. since the last issue, and hope they proceed to the dizzy heights of (?) with the luck they wish themselves.

A.A.A.

"B" COMPANY'S LETTER.

WONDERS will never cease! Fancy "Beer Troop" being the "Best Shooting Co."! Well done! the Musketeers of "B" Co. Now that we have got the Shield we must retain it. Don't

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forget that extra practice in the barrack-rooms. "A" Co. gave us a good run for it, the final points being "B" Co., 233.29; "A" Co., 232.71.

In the Inter-Co. Novices' boxing we were represented by Cpl. Thomas, Fusrs. Hoare, Harrison, Isherwood, Millington, Cain, Johnson and Cusick. All our men fought hard and well, and though they were up against better men, they put up a good show. Cpl. Thomas won his weight, and Fus. Millington was a runner-up.

We congratulate "A" Co. on winning the tournament, "D" Co. on being runners-up, and Cpl. Thomas and Fus. Millington on their successes. We feel the lack of an instructor in the "noble art" very much indeed, and hope that someday we shall have a Miner, Watts, or Grace to help us out. We missed our old friend Holden, who went to India with the last draft.

In the Soccer League we finished fourth, and were represented by Bleasedale, Broxton, Schofield, Melia, Collins, Alker, Hogg, Gould, Davies (25), Latham, Lce.-Cpl. White, Farish and Wyer. H.Q. 1 and 4 Groups were the winners, and we offer them our congrats.

Towards the end of November a Bn. cross-country trial run took place to see if we could discover some new blood for the Battalion team, Peers romping home an easy winner. Ten of "B" Co. finished in the first 36, which promises well for the Championship in February. Our ten finished in the following order:—Peers 1, Rennie 13, Cusick 16, Vizard 19, (20) Davies 21, Isherwood 25, Cpl. Thomas 28, Powell 29, Farish 30, Gordon 36. A really good race well run, and our men ran very well indeed. We welcome 2nd-Lieut. Allatt and Sergt. Crossley to the Co., and are sure that they will be very happy when they settle down. Sergt. Tony Critchley has left us to join "A" Co.: may he be as happy there as he was in "Beer Troop." In conclusion, all ranks of "Beer Troop" wish all the readers of the *G.G.* a very bright and prosperous New Year for 1927.

"C" COMPANY'S LETTER.

CONGRATULATIONS on your last edition of the *Gallipoli Gazette* (No. 3), which was thoroughly enjoyed by everybody.

Once again another year has dawned on us. Each and everyone will have enjoyed, I hope, a very happy Christmas; so we will commence our remarks by wishing everybody at home and abroad a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

We welcome the arrival of our new Company Commander, Capt. Harris, who has recently joined us. We are sure that he will be very happy with us.

We heartily congratulate "A" Co. on winning the Regimental Novices' Boxing Shield. This was an exceptionally fine performance, in view of the fact that, although the remainder of the entrants were termed "Novices," they were no mean opponents and put up a good, clean fight.

The time is drawing nigh when we shall be wishing the draft to the 2nd Bn. good luck and prosperity.

We wish the best of luck to our late C.S.M., who has left us to join the 2nd Bn., where he will sojourn awhile with the children of the "Lanfus"—some who have just departed from "Dovah."

Our congratulations to C.Q.M.S. and Mrs. Welby on the birth of a daughter; also to Sergt. and Mrs. Taylor, a daughter.

So, in concluding, may the year 1927 be equally, if not more, successful for the athletes of the Regiment than 1926. Let us hold on to those Cups and Shields, and if possible gain a few more.

"C. Ko."

"D" COMPANY'S LETTER.

ONCE more we submit our little budget of facts, thoughts, fancies, etc.

To commence, we must congratulate "A" Co. on winning the Novices' Boxing Tournament. We rather fancied we should manage to win ourselves, but as we tried our hardest and put up our best men, we can only admit that we were beaten by a superior team, and content ourselves with our determination to regain the Shield next year.

H.Q. 1 and 4 walked away with the "Soccer" Shield by very fine play, and "Don" unite in congratulating the "Flags and Instruments" on their victory. We would ask them to be sure and apply bags of ammonia and Goddard's, as we *may*, or I should say *will*, regain the Shield again next year.

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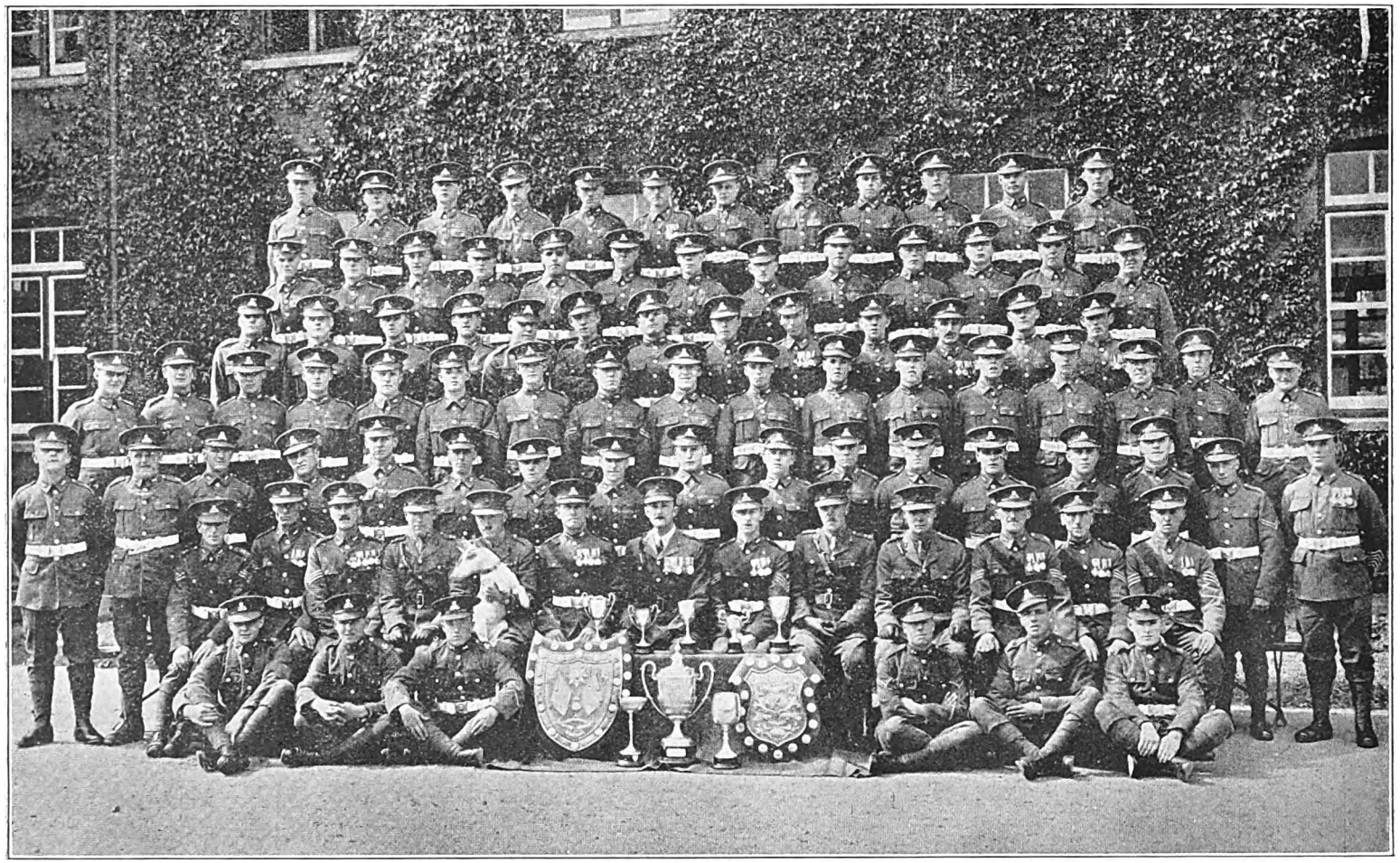

"D" Company (Major G. E. Tallents, D.S.O.), Winners of the Lawrence Cup, 1923–24–25–26.

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We have to report more trouble over the eternal "Company Donk"! He of the "Spurs and Bent Legs" (Mr. McIntyre) has by some unknown means managed to survive three months' grooming without accident, but has had "great some" trouble in finding a relief in order that he may take his vacation. "Devil-may-care Marsden" has, we believe, volunteered for this very dangerous adventure, but the rumour that men of "D" Co. have been seen polishing butt plates is denied.

We have great pleasure in congratulating Mr. Laverick on his obtaining his commission, and also Sgt. Nunn on his promotion.

Sgt. Cusack must not be forgotten in our round of "congrats.," but is reminded that even though the pen is mightier than the sword, "indirect fire" will not produce a correct balance on a cash account. All calculations in this case must be "*deliberate.*"

We welcome 2nd-Lieut. Garratt to our "crush," and hope he will remain with us for quite a long time.

C.S.M. Miner and Sgt. Wall have been awarded their "Bread Medals." Unfortunately very few of us can vouch for their good conduct. However, we congratulate them and ask no questions.

To our Regimental Rugby Team we send out our congratulations on their victory over the Horse Guards and "the best of luck in future matches."

We conclude our letter by wishing everyone of the Regiment, past and present, the Compliments of the Season and just what they wish themselves.

"ACTING Q."

A NEWCOMER'S IMPRESSION.

I am a soulful, sorry lad;
Methinks I am a fool;
From out of civies, now I'm clad
In canvas—the Army's tool.

On arriving from the Depôt,
A Sergeant, stiff and stark,
With muscles bulging from his chest,
At me began to bark.

I asked him not to be so rough,
And kindly not forget
That I was born a gentleman;
But he shoved me in the net.

The Provost Sergeant, strange to say,
You never find on duty;
He spends the time repairing boots,
And adding to his beauty.

The Sergeant-Majors are better dressed
In breeches—though, of course,
I don't know why they wear 'em,
For they never ride a horse.

I enlisted for a right good pay,
But, unfortunate to relate,
I only draw ten bob a week—
Oh! what a sorry fate!

The Quarter-bloke, a stoutish man—
I think they call him Peter—
When he leaves here, so I am told,
Is buying a two-seater.

We pay so much a week for sport,
But up to now, oh lor',
The only sport that I have seen
Is scrubbing the d—— floor.

The musket fellow of our lot,
He knocks about all day,
Scouting out for buckshee stuff—
It's a shame to take the pay.

Whilst shooting on the range one day,
An outer left I got,
So I moved my ground-sheet to the right—
The language—oh! mein Gott!

The Officers, they wear funny pants—
I see the idea now:
It saves them changing to play golf—
Good old Chu-Chin-Chow!

We have to wear a crease called "knee,"
It fairly makes us rankle;
When my braces, they get broke,
I wear mine round my ankle.

The step called "kick" is taught by one
Who is all hot and fiery;
He has instructed Barney's mule,
But finds me not so wiry.

At school they try to teach me sums,
And I work like a nigger;
They may be good at potting reds,
But their school hours make me shiver.

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The gunners' boss, a sprightly lad,
Is always on vacation,
Sorting out a gun's spare parts,
Or playing nomination.

They issue out the coal in tubs,
With extra special care ;
We get some in the barrack-rooms,
The rest goes—I don't dare !

I thought a boxer I would be,
Like gathering flowers in May,
Till one named Watts made me see spots,
So I joined the A.T.A.

The Shooting Range, so someone said,
Was just behind the camp ;
But after walking quite a time
We always get back damp.

The Band, they play from morn till night,
And jazz about all day ;
The Sergeant, he just walks behind,
To pass the time away.

But after all it ain't so bad,
And when my seven is in
I'll take on for my twenty-one,
And sing " God save the King."

" TRIX."

OLD PUNISHMENTS.

THE other day one of our men remarked that a spell of detention in the prison at Chatham made him appreciate Dover. Perhaps a word or two about obsolete punishments might enlighten him still further, and prove that detention is luxurious in comparison.

Swearing was checked by fines which ranged from one day's pay to one week's pay ; this generally sufficed to cure the offender.

Drunkenness was checked, and in nine cases out of ten cured, by " the wooden horse." This barbarous engine, imitated from abroad, consisted simply of a triangular block of wood like a saddle-stand, raised on four legs and finished with a rude representation of a horse's head. On this the culprit was set astride for one hour a day for so many days, with from one to six muskets tied to his heels, and that degradation might be added to the penalty, drunkards rode the horse in some public place with cans about their necks.

A soldier who brought discredit on his cloth paid the penalty with public disgrace. Crimes that brought disgrace on the Regiment were cured by the lash and the gantlope. Running the gantlope (gauntlet).

In such cases the Provost laid his complaint, and the Ensigns, thrusting their colours point downward into the ground vowed that they would never fly them again until the blot on the fair name of the Regiment was removed. The culprit was then tried by his comrades, without the intervention of an Officer. If he were found guilty, the men drew themselves up in two lines facing inwards, the Ensigns, with colours flying, posted themselves at one end of the lane, and the prisoner was brought by the Provost to the other end. The Ensigns then exhorted him to play the man and make bravely for the colours, and the Provost, clapping him thrice on the shoulder, in the name of Trinity, bade him run. Then the doomed man plunged into the lane and every comrade plied pike and sword on him as he passed. The swifter he ran, the sooner came the end, and as he lay hewn and mangled, gasping out his life, his comrades knelt down together and prayed God to rest his soul. Then all filed in silence three times round the corpse, and at last the musketeers fired three volleys in the name of Trinity.

The Duke of Marlborough advocated the abolition of this barbarous punishment (Fortescue).

(*To be continued.*)

GOLF NOTES.

WE have had two golf matches this winter, in which on both occasions we were beaten. The first against Folkstone, on the Folkestone course ; and the second against R.E. Training Bn., which was played at Deal.

Owing to numerous other activities there has been little practice amongst most members of the side, which probably accounts for our defeats. No doubt in the New Year, when return matches take place, the team will prove victorious.

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ATHLETIC AND CROSS COUNTRY NOTES.

THE past three months have been fairly slack, as we decided, after the efforts of the summer, to give the team a long rest. We ran a team in the Canterbury to Dover Marathon, but though we were leading very easily at 10 miles, the additional distance told, and we were unable to get placed. We hope next year to see this race turned into a Relay, as the wisdom of attempting to train a Marathon team is very doubtful. Any man trained for 16 miles is bound to lose most of his speed over 7 miles. We should like to take this opportunity of congratulating the Bedfs. and Herts. on the really fine show they put up in winning.

We started weekly cross-country runs in October. The Regtl. team is now in serious training for the Kent Championship, and as we have all last year's team available, with the exception of Lce.-Cpl. Clewes, we look forward to another good season. Peers, of "B" Co., has been showing remarkably good form, and looks like giving the best a hard race in the Inter-Company Championship in January. As we have two recruits at the Depôt who are reputed to be more than useful, our team should be stronger than last year, and we hope to reverse the order of placing in the Command and Army Championships with our old friends the 3rd Tanks.

FIXTURES.

Jan.	8	The Kent Championships.
,,	20	Match *v.* Canterbury A.C., at Dover.
,,	29	Match *v.* Aldershot Command, at Dover.
Feb.	3	Inter-Company Cross-Country Championships.
,,	12	South of the Thames Championships.
Mar.	3	E. Command Championship, at Dover.
,,	22	Army Championships, at Colchester.

BOXING NOTES.

The King's Shield, 1920.

THE Regimental Annual for 1920 contains full accounts of the preliminary competition which enabled the Regiment to qualify to represent the Aldershot Command in the Army Boxing Championship.

Owing to the *Annual* going to press, the description of the Army Championship Boxing was somewhat incomplete, and the

following has been compiled from personal recollection and from press cuttings taken at the time.

The Regiment was the only Unit to field a complete team of Officers and Other Ranks, and this started us with a considerable advantage. The team was composed as follows :—

OFFICERS.

Heavy-Weight.—Lieut. Humfrey.
Light-Heavy-Weight.—Capt. Evatt.
Middle-Weight.—Capt. Cross.
Welter-Weight.—Lieut. Smith.
Light-Weight.—Lieut. Dykes.
Feather-Weight.—Lieut. Dodson.

OTHER RANKS.

Bantam-Weight.—Pte. Allen.
Fly-Weight.—Pte. Lomax.
Feather-Weight.—Pte. Halliwell.
Light-Weight.—C.S.M. Miner.
Welter-Weight.—Sgt. Christian.
Middle-Weight.—Sgt. Brasse.
Light-Heavy-Weight.—Sgt. Brain.
Heavy-Weight.—Pte. Atkinson.

The team crossed from Dublin and were accommodated in barracks at Aldershot. Owing to the recent move to Ireland it was unfortunately impossible for more than a very few of the Regiment to attend as spectators, but what they lacked in numbers was more than made up by their cheery support and help.

Lieut. Humphrey and C.S.M. Miner were the Captains of their respective teams, and to them and to Sgt. Christian are due the thanks of the competitors for the care and attention bestowed on training and comfort generally.

The struggle for Championship honours was very bitter, and during the two days'

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boxing there were many anxious moments for all concerned. At the end of the first morning's boxing the points were 7 up in favour of the 1st Lan. Fus. At the end of the first evening session the points were :—

1st Lan. Fus., 36 ; 1st Somerset L.I., 35.

The second day's boxing will never be forgotten by anyone who was there. Competitors entered the ring prepared to Do or Die in getting that extra point for a win ; while trainers and spectators worked out possibilities and probabilities, thereby proving that (a) we could not win, and (b) we must win.

However, the end was in doubt till the last two fights of the evening, when Capt. Evatt beat Capt. Hedderwick, Royal Tank Corps Depôt, thus giving the Regiment a lead of 1 point over the Somerset L.I.

In the last bout of the evening, Lieut. Humphrey, in a great fight, beat Lieut. Curtis, Somerset L.I., leaving us winners of the Army Boxing Championship by 2 points.

A tremendous scene of enthusiasm resulted and was finally carried further afield.

An abstract of fights appears below :—

OFFICERS.

Feather-Weight.

Final.—Lieut. Dodson beat Lieut. Templeton in the second round, the latter being somewhat wild in his hitting and giving Dodson sundry opportunities of which he took full advantage.

Light-Weight.

Semi-Final.—Lieut. Dykes lost to Lieut. Harper, Somerset L.I., on points. Dykes put up a very good show against a more experienced boxer.

Welter-Weight.

Semi-Final.—Lieut. Smith, who in trying to "mix it" found he had taken on too much, lost to Lieut. Quinn, 2nd Welch Regt.

Middle-Weight.

Semi-Final.—Capt. Cross lost to Lieut. Ranger, Somerset L.I., in the first round. Cross stopped a hard hook to the point, and hitting his head in falling was counted out.

Light-Heavy-Weight.

Semi-Final.—Capt. Evatt knocked out Lieut. Simmons, 2nd Leinster Regt., early in the first round.

Final.—Capt. Evatt beat Capt. Hedderwick, Royal Tank Corps Depôt, by a few points.

Heavy-Weight.

Semi-Final.—Lieut. Humphrey beat 2nd-Lt. Beedle, 2nd Gordons, comfortably on points.

Final.—Lieut. Humphrey beat Lieut. Curtis, Somerset L.I., on points in a good fight.

OTHER RANKS.

Fly-Weight.

Semi-Final.—Pte. Lomax lost to Pte. Green, Somerset L.I., by a very close margin. Pte. Green subsequently proved the winner in this weight.

Bantam-Weight.

Semi-Final.—Pte. Allen lost to the ultimate winner, Pte. Chant, 2nd Welch Regt., by a few points.

Feather-Weight.

Semi-Final.—Pte. Halliwell lost to Cpl. Williams, 2nd Leinster Regt., on points.

Light-Weight.

Semi-Final.—C.S.M. Miner knocked out Pte. Coggan, 2nd Leinster Regt., in the first round.

Final.—C.S.M. Miner beat Pte. Gilford, Somerset L.I., in a good fight.

Welter-Weight.

Semi-Final.—Sgt. Christian knocked out Lce.-Cpl. Davies, Somerset L.I., in the first round.

Final.—Sgt. Christian beat Lce.-Cpl. Halpin, 2nd Leinster Regt., on points, the loser putting up a very game exhibition against a far superior boxer.

Middle-Weight.

Semi-Final.—Sgt. Brasse trying to mix it with Pte. Jainey, Somerset L.I., was knocked out in the first round.

Light-Heavy-Weight.

Final.—Sgt. Brain lost by a few points only to Lce.-Cpl. Morris, Somerset L.I.

Heavy-Weight.

Semi-Final.—Pte. Atkinson lost to Murphy, of 2nd Leinster Regt., in a very clean, hard-hitting bout, the issue was in doubt all the way, and at the end the referee, Col. Campbell, publicly congratulated Pte. Atkinson as "a good, game fighter."

The spectators showed their approval of this well-deserved compliment in no uncertain manner.

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At the termination of the session, General Lord Rawlinson handed over the trophies and medals to the winners.

He congratulated the Regiment on their victory, and on the splendid way the team had played for their side.

The team was subsequently greeted on their return by the Regimental Band and Drums, and the trophies and medals were placed on view for a short time before being placed in safe custody.

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On 7th October, 1926, Cpl. Watts fought a special six-round contest with his old opponent, L. A. C. Page, R.A.F., at Manston. He was not properly fit, and lost on points.

We have a newcomer from the Depôt in Fus. Carter, who ought to be of great value to the Regimental team. His first try-out with the Bn. was at Deal, when he fought Marine Mason in a six-round contest. He put up an excellent fight and beat the Marine on points

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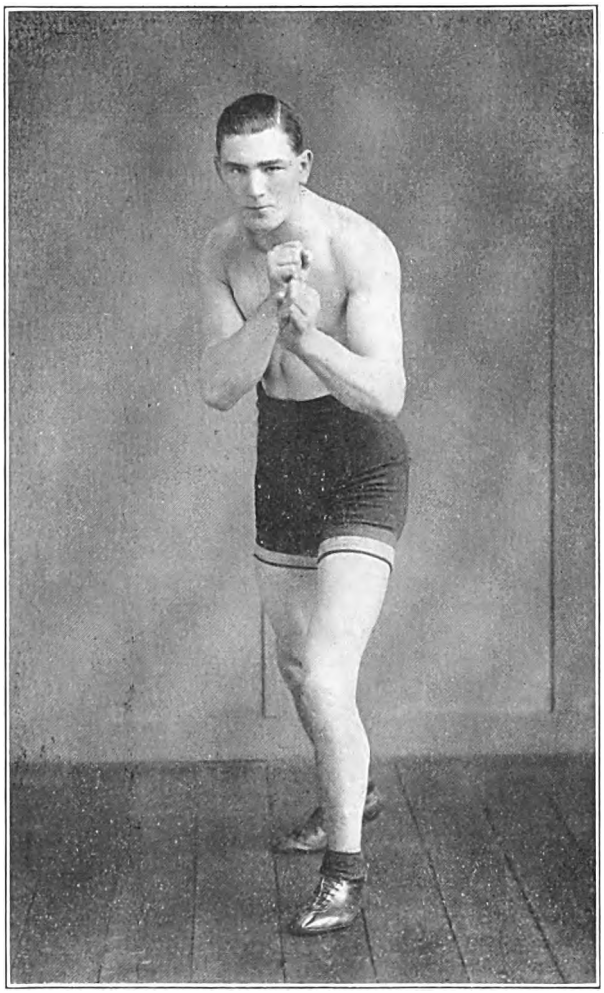
Carter won the Light-Weights of the Western Command early this year.

Cpls. Watts and Grace were selected to box Gdsmn. Stanton, Coldstreams, and Sgt. Beal, 2nd Buffs., in contests at Aldershot, with a view to selecting the Welter and Feather-Weight of the Army Team against the Irish Free State. Watts beat Stanton on points, after an excellent bout. Grace lost to a stronger man in Beal, by a small margin, this being the best fight seen for some time. Cpl. Watts is now in the Army team for Ireland.



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CPL. WATTS (TOWNEY), I.S.B.A., WELTER-WEIGHT CHAMPION, 1926.

He fought two good fights. In the first he lost to the Irish Army Welter-Weight Champion by a small margin of points, in Dublin.

In the second he beat the All-Ireland Welter-Weight Champion, ————, at the Curragh, on points.

On 4th November he met Cpl. Mann, 11th Hussars, at Canterbury, and beat him fairly easily in a six-round contest.

The next day (15th) he went down to the R.M.C., Camberley, and had another victory against Dvr. Calvert, R.A., beating him easily on points.

On 12th November, Cpls. Watts and Grace went to Portsmouth to fight in an Army Tournament against the Navy. Cpl. Watts met and knocked out Cpl. Bentley, R.A.S.C.;

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and Grace easily beat Pte. Husk, Royal Marines.

On 2nd December, Cpl. Watts boxed Gdsmn. Stanton, Coldstream Guards, at the Holborn Stadium, with a view to selecting a Services team for Scandinavia. He just lost on points in a good bout.

Stanton went on to beat Cpl. Watts' old opponent, L. A. C. Page, R.A.F.

Cpl. Grace has been selected to represent the Army in the Feathers against the Welch Amateur Boxing Association on 13th December, at Cardiff.

Inter-Company Novices' Tournament.

The 1st Bn. of the Lancashire Fusiliers' Annual Inter-Company Boxing Tournament for Novices was commenced at Guston Gymnasium on Wednesday, 20th October, and continued on Thursday, 21st October. All the preliminary rounds were fought, and the semi-finals and finals were fought on 17th November. The boxing on the above dates was of a high standard for novices and promises well for the maintenance of the fine sporting reputation of the Regiment. The officials were as follows:—*Referees*, Capt. J. W. Evatt, M.B.E., and Lieut. H. Shakelton (Royal Marines); *judges*, Lieut. A. J. O. Bridgeman, Lieut. L. O. Lyne, Lieut. G. L. Beach (Royal Engineers), and 2nd Lieut. J. J. M. Kenrick; *timekeeper*, Lieut. G. W. Wood. R.S.M. J. J. Maguire was a very efficient M.C.

At the conclusion of the programme on the Thursday, Capt. Evatt (who has represented the Bn. in the ring on many occasions) complimented the competitors on the clean boxing, and announced that the prizes for the best losers would be awarded to Fusrs. Stott, Andrews and Carrol. He said he was very pleased to see the boys in the ring. Every single fellow who donned a glove brought the King's Shield nearer. They wanted it back, and he saw no reason why they should not have it. He thanked Lieut. Shakelton for coming over from Deal to referee.

The following is a list of the results of the contests:—

FIRST NIGHT.

Bantam-Weights.—Fus. Bunn ("C" Co.) beat Fus. Faulkner ("D" Co.) on points; Fus. Millington ("B" Co.) beat Fus. Payne ("A" Co.) on points; Fus. Crowther (H.Q. 1 and 4) beat Fus. Berry ("C" Co.) on points; Dmr. Barkess (H.Q. 1 and 4) beat Fus. Graves on points.

Feather-Weights.—Fus. Murtagh ("A" Co.) beat Fus. O'Connor (H.Q. 2 and 3) on points; Fus. Slator ("D" Co.) beat Fus. Cain ("B" Co.), who gave up in the second round; Fus. Greenwood (H.Q. 1 and 4) beat Fus. Ingham ("C" Co.) on points.

Light-Weights.—Sgnlr. Andrews (H.Q. 1 and 4) beat Fus. Stott (H.Q. 2 and 3) on points; Fus. Jones ("A" Co.) k.o. Fus. Flynn ("D" Co.) in the second round; Fus. Bond (H.Q. 2 and 3) k.o. Fus. Harrison ("B" Co.) in the third round; Sgnlr. Ford (H.Q. 1 and 4) beat Fus. Jones ("C" Co.) on points.

Welter-Weights. — Fus. Hodgkinson ("D" Co.) beat Fus. Hoare ("B" Co.) on points; Fus. Preston ("A" Co.) beat Fus. Davidson (H.Q. 1 and 4) on points; Fus. Stamford (H.Q. 2 and 3) beat Fus. Johnson ("B" Co.) on points; Fus. Howell ("C" Co.) beat Fus. Lawrence ("D" Co.) on points.

Middle-Weights.—Cpl. McDermott ("D" Co.) beat Dmr. Jackson (H.Q. 1 and 4) on points; Fus. Crowe ("C" Co.) beat Fus. Wright ("A" Co.) on points.

Boys (8 *stone*).—Boy Hobson beat Boy Harris on points.

SECOND NIGHT.

Feather-Weights.—Sgt. Tew ("D" Co.) beat Fus. Pierce ("C" Co.) on points; Fus. Sheedy (H.Q. 2 and 3) beat Fus. Murtagh ("A" Co.) on points; Fus. Barker ("A" Co.) beat Fus. Cusack ("B" Co.) on points; Fus. Slator ("D" Co.) k.o. Fus. Greenwood (H.Q. 1 and 4) in the first round.

Light-Weights.—Fus. Grinrod ("A" Co.) beat Fus. Ford (H.Q. 1 and 4) on points, after an extra round; Fus. Isherwood ("B" Co.) beat Fus. Healy ("D" Co.) on

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points; Fus. Bond (H.Q. 2 and 3) beat Fus. Ward ("C" Co.) on points; Fus. Jones ("A" Co.) beat Fus. Andrews (H.Q. 1 and 4) in the second round.

Welter-Weights.—Dmr. Balshaw (H.Q. 1 and 4) beat Fus. Melchoir ("C" Co.) on points; Fus. Almond ("A" Co.) beat Fus. Walsh (H.Q. 2 and 3) on points; Fus. Hodgkinson ("D" Co.) beat Fus. Preston ("A" Co.) on points; Fus. Stamford (H.Q. 2 and 3) beat Fus. Howell ("C" Co.) on points.

Middle-Weights.—Cpl. Thomas ("B" Co.) beat Bdsmn. Charlesworth in the second round; Fus. Lightfoot ("C" Co.) k.o. Fus. Hill in the first round; Fus. Challoner (H.Q. 2 and 3) beat Fus. Carroll ("A" Coy.) on points; Cpl. McDermott ("D" Co.) beat Fus. Crowe ("C" Co.) on points.

Catch-Weights.—Fus. Bennison ("A" Co.) k.o. Fus. Wallwork ("C" Co.) in the first round.

Boys.—Boy Coleman beat McGarry on points. The points totalled as follows:—"A" Co., 29; "B" Co., 17; "C" Co., 25; "D" Co., 28; H.Q. 1 and 4, 22; H.Q. 2 and 3, 21.

THIRD NIGHT.

The semi-finals and finals of the Inter-Company Boxing Tournament were held in the Buffs' Drill Hall, on Wednesday, 17th November, 1926. There were two special 6-round contests. Sgt. Beal, 2nd Buffs, who beat Cpl. Grace, 1st Lan. Fus., on points; and Cpl. Duncan, R.M., who beat Cpl. Watts, 1st Lan. Fus.

The aggregate points gained by each Company were as follows:—"A" Co., 44; "B" Co., 25; "C" Co., 30; "D" Co., 39; H.Q. 2 and 3, 27; H.Q. 1 and 4, 25. Prizes were awarded to Andrews, Slator and Lightfoot as the three best losers.

The results were as follows:—

Bantam-Weights.—Semi-Finals.—Fus. Bunn ("C" Co.) beat Fus. Crowthers (H.Q. 1 and 4); Fus. Millington ("B" Co.) beat Dmr. Barkass (H.Q. 1 and 4). *Final.*—Bunn beat Millington.

Feather-Weights.—Semi-Finals. — Sgt. Tew ("D" Co.) beat Fus. Sheedy (H.Q. 2 and 3); Fus. Barker ("A" Co.) beat Fus. Slater ("D" Co.). *Final.*—Barker beat Tew.

Light-Weights.—Semi-Finals.— Fus. Grinrod ("A" Co.) beat Fus. Isherwood ("B" Co.); Fus. Jones ("A" Co.) beat Fus. Bond (H.Q. 2 and 3). *Final.*—Grinrod beat Jones.

Welter-Weights.—Semi-Finals.—Fus. Almond ("A" Co.) beat Dmr. Balshaw (H.Q. 1 and 4); Fus. Hodgkinson ("D" Co.) beat Fus. Stamford (H.Q. 2 and 3). *Final.*—Hodgkinson beat Almond.

Middle-Weights.—Semi-Finals.—Cpl. Thomas ("B" Co.) beat Fus. Lightfoot ("C" Co.); Fus. Challoner (H.Q. 2 and 3) beat Cpl. McDermott ("D" Co.). *Final.*—Thomas beat Challoner.

Catch-Weights. — Final. — Lce.-Cpl. Livesey ("D" Co.) beat Fus. Bennison ("A" Co.). At the conclusion "A" Co. were presented with the Boxing Shield.

RUGBY FOOTBALL NOTES.

WE have to date enjoyed quite our most successful season since we started playing in Dublin five years ago. Out of fifteen matches our only defeat was in the first round of the Kent Cup, when the Old Dunstonians proved too strong for us on a heavy ground. Both Bart's and Guy's brought strong "A" teams down, and in both matches our team played particularly well.

The second round of the Army Cup against "The Blues" was a great struggle. Our team started a little shakily against a much heavier side, but in the second half for at least thirty minutes we were attacking strongly, and with a little luck might well have doubled the score. As our opponents reached the final in 1925 and the round before the semi-final last year, we have great hopes of going further still.

The Inter-Company League starts about January 10th, and some very close games should be seen, as the stars are pretty well divided between companies. A provisional fixture list is appended:—

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RESULTS UP TO AND INCLUDING 7/12/26.

Oct.	2	*v.* U.S., Chatham "A" ..	Won,	26—5
,,	13	*v.* 3rd Bn. R.T.C. ..	,,	9—5
,,	16	*v.* Hastings and Bexhill ..	,,	20—0
,,	21	*v.* Dover R.C.	,,	17—3
,,	23	*v.* 2nd Bedfs. and Herts. R.	,,	17—0
,,	27	*v.* Royal Marines	,,	42—5
,,	30	*v.* Herne Bay	,,	38—0
Nov.	3	*v.* Guys Hospital "A" ..	,,	18—9
,,	8	*v.* 3rd Bn. R.T.C.	,,	10—5
,,	10	*v.* R.A.F., Manston ..	,,	6—3
,,	17	*v.* Royal Marines	,,	17—6
,,	27	*v.* St. Bart.'s Hospital "A"	,,	14—11
Dec.	1	*v.* Royal Marines	,,	22—0
,,	4	*v.* Old Dunstonians (Kent Cup)	Lost	3—17
,,	7	*v.* Royal Horse Guards (2nd Round, Army Cup) ..	Won	6—3

Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Points. For.	Against.
15	14	1	0	265	72

1ST ROUND, ARMY CUP.

1st Lan. Fus. *v.* 3rd Bn. Royal Tank Corps. Result—Lan. Fus., 10 pts.; R.T.C., 5 pts.

When these teams met at Guston on Monday, 8th November, in the first round of the Army Rugby Cup, although the rain held off for most of the game, the ground was very heavy and the ball slippery. The Lan. Fus. won by 10 pts. to 5. Both sides played very hard, but the Fusiliers' outsides always looked more dangerous and on a dry ground would probably have been too fast for the Tank Corps. For the Fusiliers, Whittingham, Timney and McAllister were the pick, whilst O'Neale, Ames and Wootten were always doing something useful.

The Lancashire Fusiliers kicked off against the wind and immediately looked dangerous. The Tank Corps relieved with good kicking and the Fusiliers were twice penalised in their own half. The Fusiliers' forwards, however, were playing with great dash and a score nearly resulted from a brilliant kick through by O'Neale. After 20 minutes' play, Rossiter picked up from a loose scrum and scored between the posts, Cairns converting. Just before half-time McAllister got over the Tank Corps' line, the kick failing, thus making the score 5 points to 3 in favour of the Royal Tank Corps at half-time.

With the wind behind them, the Fusiliers attacked for practically the whole of the second half, and with a little luck might have scored several more tries. Wootten was pushed into touch within two yards of the line, and immediately afterwards Dalton dribbled over for an unconverted try. Howarth missed a very easy penalty, and just afterwards the ball came out to O'Neale, who, though opponents hemmed in, dropped a good goal from the "25" line. The final whistle found the Fusiliers still on their opponents' line.

The game was excellently refereed by Mr. Guthrie Morgan, of Dover College.

Our team lined up as follows:—Fus. Clancy; Fus. Melia, Lieut. Ames, Fus. Jones, Sgt. Wootten; Fus. O'Neale, Fus. Dalton; 2nd-Lieut. King, 2nd-Lieut. Ames, Sgt. Ramsden, Cpl. Timney, Cpl. McAllister, Lce.-Cpl. Howarth, Lce.-Cpl. Whittingham and Lce.-Cpl. Toohey.

2ND ROUND, ARMY CUP.

Royal Horse Guards *v.* 1st Lan. Fus. Result—Lan. Fus., 6 pts.; R.H.G., 3 pts.

The Lancashire Fusiliers defeated the Royal Horse Guards in the second round of the Army Cup, at Regents Park, by a try and a penalty goal to a try. The ground was muddy, and the Blues appeared to be twice as heavy and big as the Fusiliers, but they were held throughout the game.

The Blues started with a rush, and before their opponents had got into their stride scored following a forward scramble in the Fusiliers' "25," the ball going out to the left wing, who touched down at the corner flag. The kick failed. The Lancashires' forwards were now playing a great game against the heavy Blues' pack, but at half-time the latter retained their lead.

After the change over the Fusiliers scrummaged and heeled well, and a penalty kick was given against the Blues in front of goal, and Cpl. Whitworth had no difficulty in scoring. The Fusiliers' three-quarters were several times brought down on the Blues' line, until from a scrum in the Blues' "25" Cpl. Whitworth cut through on the blind side to score a brilliant try in the corner. The kick failed, and "no side" blew with the XX. winners of a very clean game by 6 pts. to 3 pts.

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The Bn. was represented by :—Fus. Clancy; Cpl. Whitworth, Lieut. Ames (capt.), Fus. Jones, Sgt. Wootten, Fus. O'Neale, Fus. Dalton; Lieut. King, Sgt. Ramsden, Cpl. McAllister, Cpl. Timney, Lce.-Cpl. Whittingham, Lce.-Cpl. Howarth, Lce.-Cpl. Toohey, Fus. Humphries.

1ST ROUND, KENT CUP.

1st Lan. Fus. *v.* Old Dunstonians. Result —Lan. Fus., 3 pts.; Old Dunstonians, 17 pts.

The Lancashire Fusiliers suffered their first defeat of the season on Saturday, 4th December.
against the Old Dunstonians, in the first round of the Kent Cup, at Beckenham. The ground was very muddy, and the Old Dunstonians were a little too heavy for the Fusiliers in the pack, who were a bit off colour and lost to a superior team.

After about 15 minutes, Greenacre dribbled over for the Old Dunstonians to score close in. An easy kick gave the major points. O'Neale brought off a brilliant run, but was brought down at the corner flag. The Old Dunstonians' forwards were now brilliant in the loose, and an excellent passing movement by their three-quarters sent in Vurley to score some way out. The kick failed, thus at half-time the Old Dunstonians were leading by 8 pts. to nil.

After the change over the Lan. Fus.' forwards improved. A penalty kick gave the Old Dunstonians 3 more points, following which play was fairly even. The Old Dunstonians heeled from a scrum in the XXth's "25" for Vurley again to score by the corner flag. A few minutes later the Old Dunstonians' left centre brought off a brilliant interception and passed to his wing, for the latter to score well out. Ames brought off a fine dribble from the centre and his great speed enabled him to beat the Old Dunstonians' back and touch down between the posts to score the Lan. Fus.' only try. The final score was :—Old Dunstonians, 17 pts.; Lan. Fus., 3 pts.

The Bn. was represented by :—Fus. Clancy; Sgt. Wootten, Fus. Jones, Lieut. Ames, Fus. Melia; Fus. O'Neale, Fus. Dalton; Lieut. King, Sgt. Ramsden, Cpl. McAllister, Cpl. Timney, Lce.-Cpl. Howarth, Lce.-Cpl. Whittingham, Lce.-Cpl. Toohey and Fus. Humphries.

FIXTURES.

1927.		
Jan.	19	*v.* 2nd Bedfs. and Herts., at Guston.
,,	29	*v.* Herne Bay, at Dover.
Feb.	2	*v.* R.A.F., Manston, at Manston.
,,	5	*v.* Dover Club, at Elms Vale.
,,	9	*v.* U.S., Chatham "A," at Guston.
,,	16	*v.* 2nd Bedfs. and Herts., at Guston.
,,	19	*v.* Thanet Wanderers, at Ramsgate.
,,	23	*v.* 3rd Bn. Royal Tank Corps, at Guston.
Mar.	9	*v.* 1st Bn. K.O.Y.L.I., at Guston.
,,	12	*v.* 1st Bn. K.O.Y.L.I., at Guston.

SOCCER NOTES.

WE are doing very well indeed in both the Folkestone and District League, and R.C.P.U.S. League. Although we lost to the South Staffordshire Regt. in the first round of the Army Cup, and to Canterbury Waverley in the first round of the Dover Charity Cup, there is nothing to get disheartened over. The best of teams lose at times, and occasionally it does a team more good than harm.

It all goes to prove that it is a very bad policy to underestimate your opponents.

There is no doubt that our first team were getting a bit stale in the last few matches, and the spot of leave they are now having will do them a world of good, and we expect them to continue their winning sequence on their return. Altogether the improvement in the combination and general play of the team is very gratifying, and Sgt. Johnson and the Captain of the team, Cpl. Whitworth, are to be congratulated on the results to date. The following are regular playing members of the 1st team :—Lce.-Cpl. Bleasedale, Fus. Mackin, Lce.-Cpl. Pope, Fus. McMordie, Fus. Butterworth, Cpl. Whitworth (capt.), Lce.-Cpl. Rorke, Cpl. Long, Fus. Hole, Fus. Bunn, Lce.-Cpl. Milward, Fus. Grundy.

The 2nd team players are selected from :—Fus. Moore, Fus. Weir, Fus. Baker, Fus. Melia, Fus. Martin, Fus. Collins, Fus. Healy, Cpl. Gould, Fus. Lockett, Bdsmn. Baker, and Hewitson.

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Club.	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Goals For.	Agst.	Pts.
Lan. Fus.	11	8	1	2	52	22	18
Royal Tank Corps ..	11	8	2	1	40	27	17
Bedfs. and Herts. ..	11	7	2	2	39	24	16
Royal Warwicks ..	12	6	3	3	41	19	15
Royal Marines ..	13	7	5	1	41	38	15
Ramsgate Grenville	13	7	6	0	42	36	14
Royal Inniskillings ..	9	6	3	0	28	20	12
Margate Am. ..	11	6	5	0	30	37	12
K.O.Y.L.I.	2	0	1	1	5	6	1
South Staffs.	5	5	0	0	20	5	10
Queen's Royal Regt.	9	3	2	4	32	19	10
Royal Air Force ..	13	4	8	1	39	51	9
Folkestone	10	2	5	3	23	34	7
Dover United ..	10	3	7	0	23	41	6
Deal Town	10	0	9	1	17	52	1
11th Hussars ..	14	0	13	1	26	67	1

Boys' League.

Played.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.	Goals For	Against.	Pts.
2	0	0	2	3	11	0

Oct. 12 *v.* Royal Inniskillings .. Lost 1—8
,, 26 *v.* Royal Warwick Regt. ,, 2—3

Army Cup—1st Round.

Nov. 20 *v.* South Staffs. Regt. .. Lost 3—1

Boys' Army Cup.

First Round.

Nov. 5 *v.* Queen's Royal Regt. .. Won 7—1

2nd Round.

Dec. 9 *v.* Royal Regt. .. .. Lost 1—0

1st Bn. Soccer Team—Winners of the Gibraltar Cup, 1903.
Back Row.—Sgt.-Major Hanson. Dmr. Richards. Pte. Chance. Bdsmn. Sheppard. Pte. Edwards. Lce.-Cpl. Newman. Pte. Waddell. Sgt. Smith (*Hon. Sec.*).
Sitting.—Pte. Turner. Sgt. Simpson (*capt.*). Lt.-Col. Wallington. Capt. Hewlett (*President*). Clr.-Sgt. Smalley.
In Front.—Lce.-Cpl. Hobson. Lce.-Sgt. Cook.
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2nd Team Royal Cinque Ports United Services League Junior Division.

Played.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost	Goals. For.	Against.	Pts.
6	4	1	1	24	19	9

Sept. 15 *v.* Cavalry Depôt .. .. Won 7—5
,, 29 *v.* Cavalry Depôt .. .. ,, 4—2
Oct. 6 *v.* R.A.F. .. .. .. Lost 2—6
,, 20 *v.* Queen's Royal Regt. .. Won 4—0
,, 27 *v.* Royal Tank Corps .. ,, 3—2
Nov. 10 *v.* Bedfs. and Herts. .. Draw 4—4

Dover Hospital Charity Cup Competition.

1st Round.

Nov. 6 *v.* Canterbury Waverley .. Lost 9—5

Inter-Company League.

	Played.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.	Goals For.	Agst.	Pts.
H.Q. 1 and 4	5	4	–	1	12	7	8
"C" ..	5	3	–	2	15	12	6
"D" ..	5	2	2	1	13	8	6
"B" ..	5	2	1	2	9	8	5
"A" ..	5	1	1	3	9	14	3
H.Q. 2 and 3	5	1	–	4	8	17	2

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REMAINING FIXTURES TO COMPLETE THE SEASON 1926–27.

1927.				
Jan.	8	F.D.L.	Grenville	Home
,,	15	F.D.L.	South Staffs. Regt.	Away
,,	18	Boys	R. Inniskillings ..	Home
,,	19	R.C.P.L.	Royal Marines ..	Away
,,	29	F.D.L.	Margate Am. ..	Home
Feb.	2	R.C.P.L.	Bedfs. and Herts. ..	Home
,,	12	F.D.L.	Royal Marines ..	Home
,,	15	Boys	Royal Warwicks. ..	Away
,,	19	F.D.L.	Bedfs. and Herts. ..	Away
,,	23	R.C.P.L.	Buffs Depôt ..	Away
,,	26	F.D.L.	Deal Town ..	Home
Mar.	1	Boys	Queen's Royal Regt.	Home
,,	2	R.C.P.L.	Royal Marines ..	Home
,,	5	F.D.L.	Royal Warwicks. ..	Home
,,	12	F.D.L.	R. Inniskillings ..	Away
,,	15	Boys	Bedfs. and Herts. ..	Away
,,	19	F.D.L.	R.A.F.	Away
,,	23	R.C.P.L.	R. Inniskillings ..	Home
,,	26	F.D.L.	Dover United ..	Home
,,	29	Boys	South Staffs. ..	Away
April	12	Boys	South Staffs. ..	Home
,,	23	F.D.L.	K.O.Y.L.I.	Home
May	7	F.D.L.	R. Warwick Regt. ..	Away

F.D.L. = Folkestone and District Senior League.
R.C.P.L. = Royal Cinque Ports United Services League (Junior Division).

Dates for Charity Cup (Dover) and Army Cup will be notified later.

HOCKEY NOTES.

THE Bn. hockey team has been rather unfortunate from weather conditions; at the beginning of the season the grounds were so hard and bumpy that accurate play was almost out of the question, and as soon as the weather broke, the continuous rains made the grounds so waterlogged that no less than six matches had to be scratched. Despite this, however, the team has done fairly well, and at times excellently.

There has been steady improvement in combination and stick work of the whole side, and everyone has practised with great zeal.

In the first four matches we had an unbroken record, but rather foolishly lost against Canterbury on their ground, and against the Loyals at Gravesend. In the latter match our side were handicapped by the heaviness of the ground and quite failed to do themselves justice.

After a spell of scratched matches we played the R.A.F. (Manston) at Guston, in pouring rain and half a gale of wind. Our side showed signs of lack of practice, which was not helped by the difficult conditions.

1st Round, Army Hockey Cup.

1ST LAN. FUS. *v.* THE QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT.

Result—Queen's, 3 goals; Lan. Fus., 1 goal.

We lost to the Queen's in the first round, after an excellent game. Our side were rather excited and did not play their usual game. On the day's play the Queen's were the better side, though we missed several chances which should have resulted in goals. We congratulate the Queen's and wish them the best of luck in the remaining rounds.

Of the individual performers, Worrall, at inside left, has been the chief scorer, with 13 goals to his credit, and has always played well.

MacMahon, at outside left, has played consistently well, and should with more experience of this position be invaluable to his side.

The position of outside right has been difficult to fill, but in Bdsmn. Phillips we have at last found a very careful player to complete a good forward line.

Lieut. Latham has been the backbone of the halves, as Lieut. Lyne has been prevented by a damaged shoulder from taking part in many matches.

Capt. Otway and Bates have played back as a rule successfully, the former, being new to this position, is inclined to be uncertain. With C.Q.M.S. Welby, who is now available, the back division should be strengthened considerably.

Richards and Oliver have shared the unenviable position of goal-keeper admirably, and on several occasions their saving has been brilliant.

Goals have been scored by Worral (13), Kenrick (9), Piggott (7), MacMahon (3), Phillips (2), Kay (1), and other players (3).

				Goals.	
Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	For.	Against.
11	5	4	2	38	29

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FIXTURES.

Jan.	5	*v.* The South Staff. Regt., at Shorncliffe.
,,	12	*v.* Folkestone, at Folkestone.
,,	15	*v.* Royal Marines, at Deal.
,,	20	*v.* T.B., R.E., Chatham, at Dover.
,,	22	*v.* The South Staff. Regt., at Dover.
,,	26	*v.* Bedfs. and Herts. Regt., at Dover.
,,	29	*v.* Royal Inniskilling Fus., at Dover.
Feb.	2	*v.* Royal Marines, at Dover.
,,	10	*v.* Loyal Regt, at Dover.
,,	19	*v.* K.O.Y.L.I., at Dover.
,,	23	*v.* Folkestone, at Dover.
,,	24	*v.* Canterbury, at Dover.
,,	26	*v.* Grove H.C., Hythe, at Hythe.
Mar.	2	*v.* Cavalry Depôt, at Canterbury.
,,	9	*v.* Dover H.C., at River.
,,	19	Queen's Royal Regt., at Dover.
,,	23	Cavalry Depôt, at Dover.
,,	30	Wye College 2nd XI., at Wye.

ARMISTICE DAY, 1926.

THE Garrison Commander, Col.-Cmdt. E. B. Hankey, D.S.O., with his Staff, Commanding Officers and Heads of Departments, attended the Armistice Day Service held at the Dover War Memorial on 11th November, after which the Col.-Cmdt. placed a chaplet of laurels and poppies on the Memorial, bearing the inscription :

" IN TOKEN OF RESPECT
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THE OFFICERS, WARRANT OFFICERS, NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE DOVER GARRISON."

Major G. E. Tallents, D.S.O., represented the Bn. at the above service.

The Bn., under the command of Capt. H. F. Otway, M.C., paraded in barracks to observe the " Two Minutes' Silence."

BIRTHS.

EASTWOOD.—At Shorncliffe, on the 14th October, 1926, to the wife of Fus. R. Eastwood, H.Q. Co., 1st Lan. Fus.—a son, Stanley.

WELBY.—At Dover, on the 30th October, 1926, to the wife of C.Q.M.S. Welby, " C " Co., 1st Lan. Fus.—a daughter, Sonia.

BROXTON.—At Dover on the 11th November, 1926, to the wife of Fus. J. Broxton, " B " Co., 1st Lan. Fus.—a daughter, Millicent Alma.

TAYLOR.—At Dover, on the 24th November, 1926, to the wife of Sgt. S. Taylor, " C " Co., 1st Lan. Fus.—a daughter, Dorothy.

MARRIAGES.

ALMOND — BANNER. — At the Parish Church, Gt. Harwood, on the 12th September, 1925, Fus. E. Almond, " A " Co., 1st Lan. Fus., to Marjorie Ellen Banner.

PARKINSON—SMITH. — At the Parish Church, Dover, on the 17th October, 1926, Fus. B. Parkinson, " B " Co., 1st Lan. Fus., to Violet Edith Smith.

BELL—HUETSON.—At the Parish Church, Salford, on the 30th October, 1926, Cpl. T. Bell, " C " Co., 1st Lan. Fus., to Annie Elizabeth Huetson.

HEYWOOD—WILDE.—At St. Augustine's Church, Stockport, on the 13th November, 1926, Fus. W. Heywood, H.Q. Co., 1st Lan. Fus., to Ellen Wilde.

GENERAL NOTICES.

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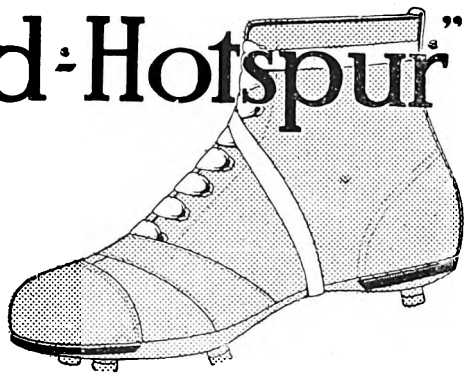

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A REVIEW.

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New features which will be both interesting and instructive to readers may be summarised :—

(1) Calendar for four years (1926–29) instead of three years.
(2) Dimensions of Sports Grounds, Courts, Gear, etc.
(3) Winners for the past five years of Amateur and Open Championships, and the County Cricket Championship Table for 1926.

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Mr. F. Uden.

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STOP PRESS.

As we go to press, the following items are to hand :—

Revolver Shooting.

The Bn. has won the Connaught Cup for 1926.

Lieut. F. Franks, M.C., has won the Revolver Cup, 1926, for the second year in succession.

Rugby Football.

Draw for the 3rd Round, Army Rugby Cup. 1st Lan. Fus. *v.* 1st Bn. K.O.Y.L.I., at Dover, to be played by the 29th January, 1927.

Boxing.

Third Round, Army Boxing Team Championship. 1st Lan. Fus. *v.* The Loyal Regt., at Gravesend, 18th January, 1927.

Hockey Results.

11th Dec.—Old Manwoodians, 2 goals ; 1st Lan. Fus., 1 goal.

15th Dec.—D.Y.R.M. School, 6 goals ; 1st Lan. Fus., 1 goal.

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